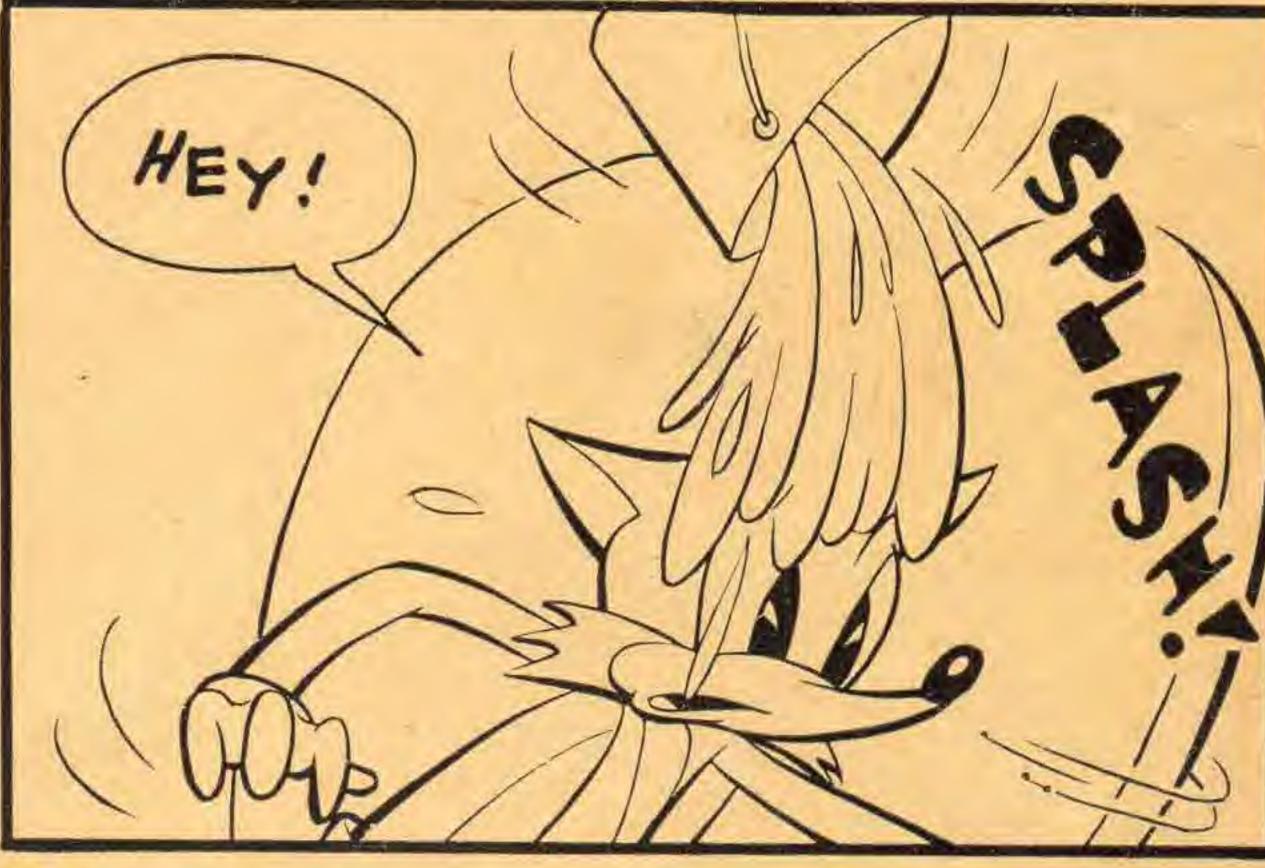
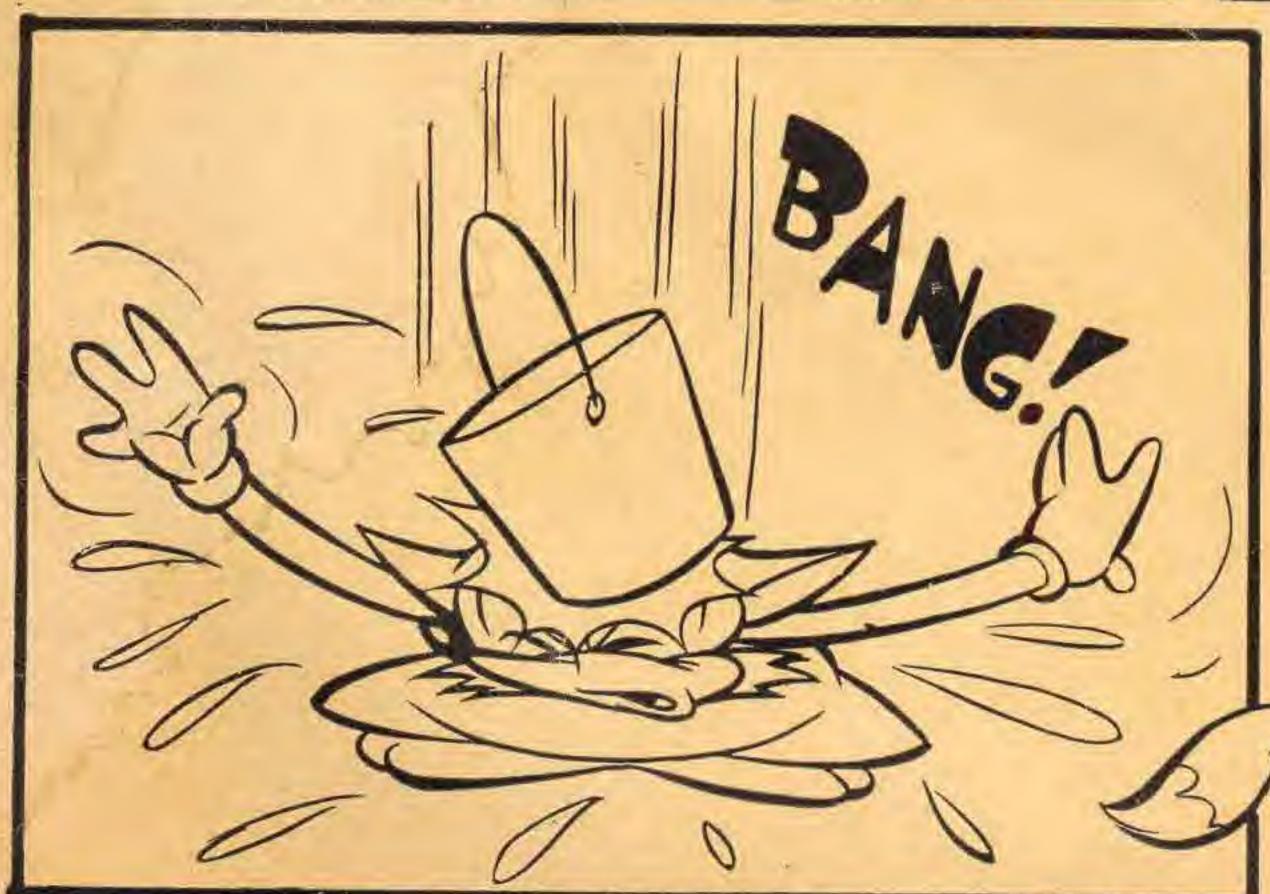




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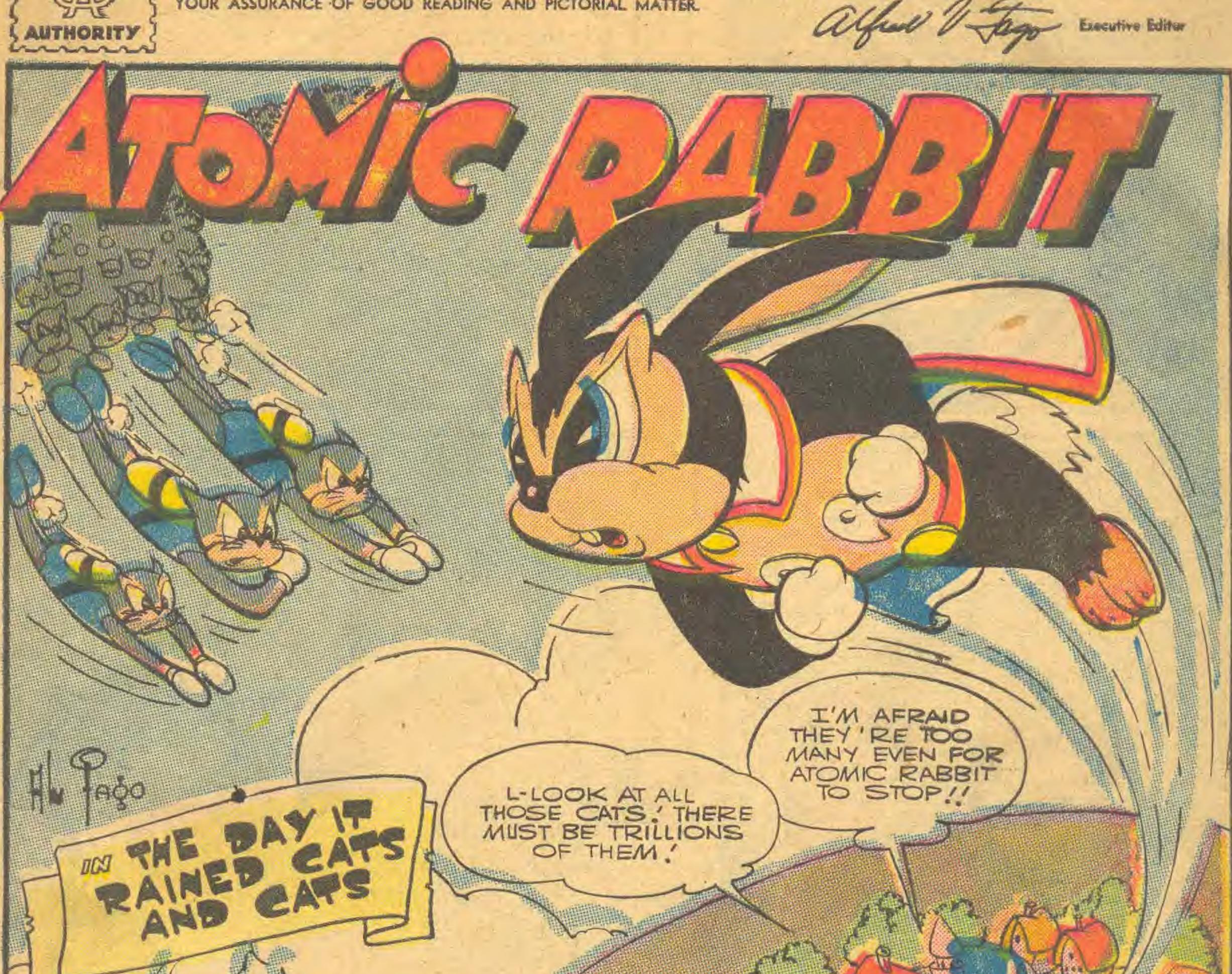
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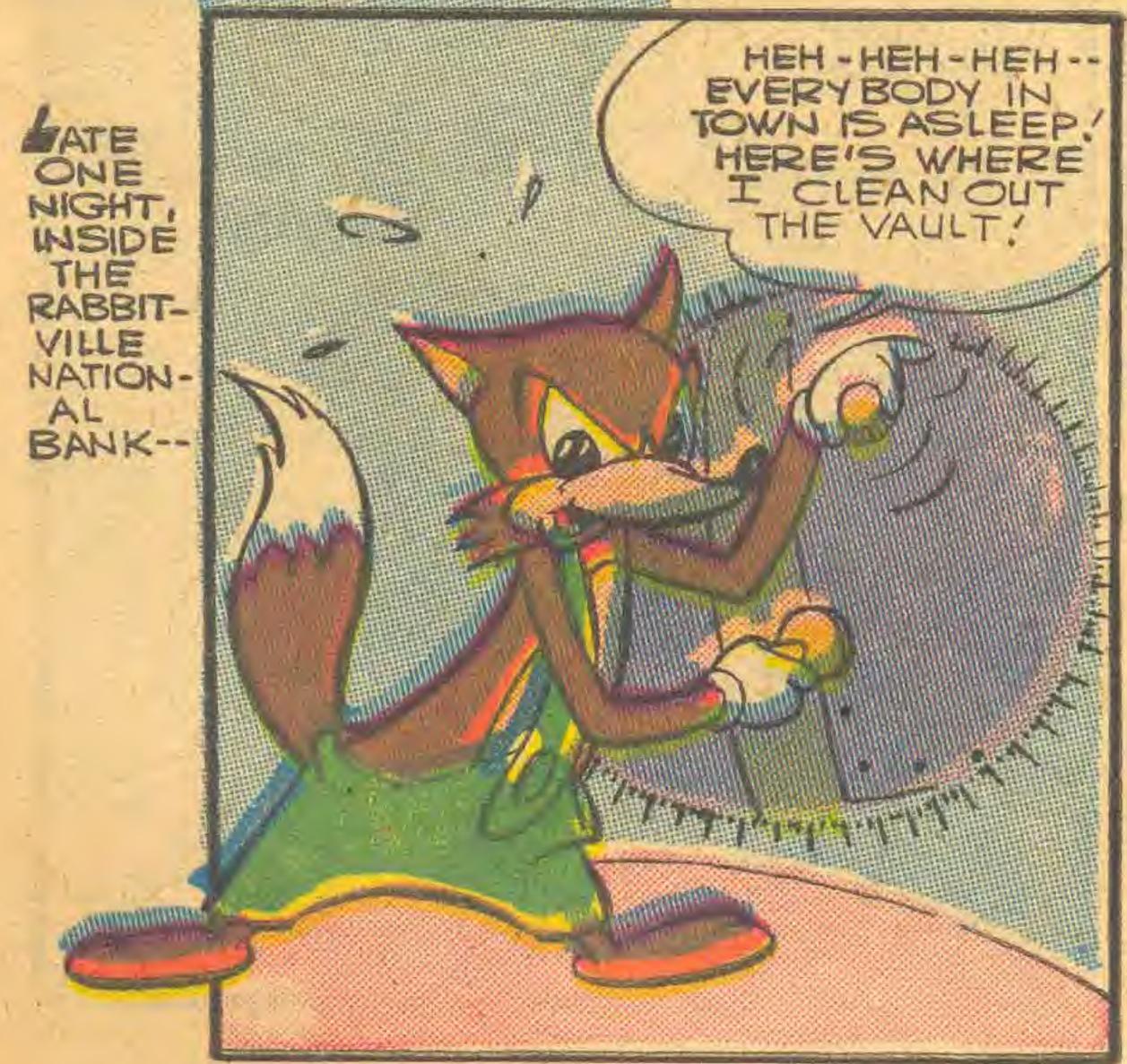
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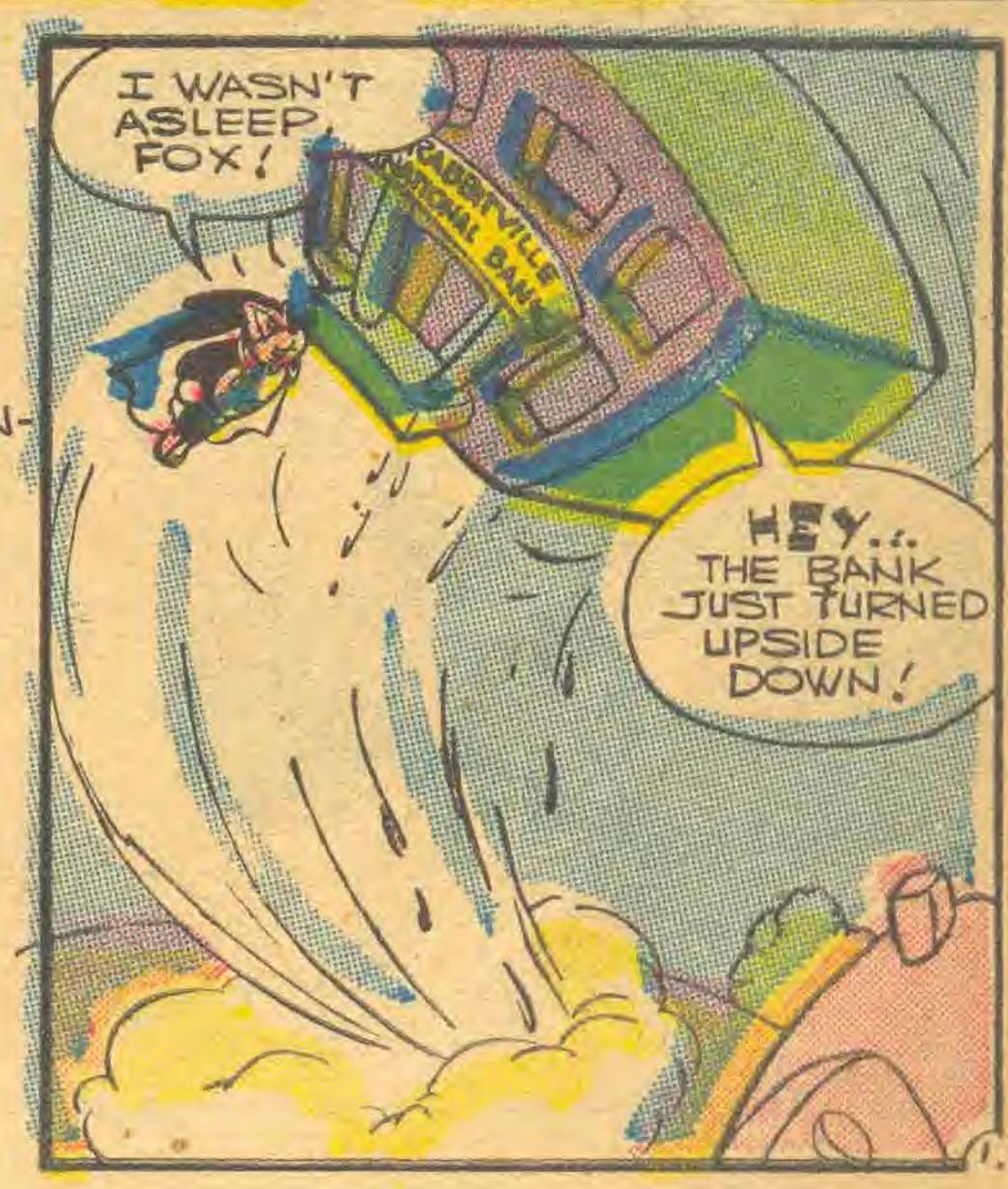
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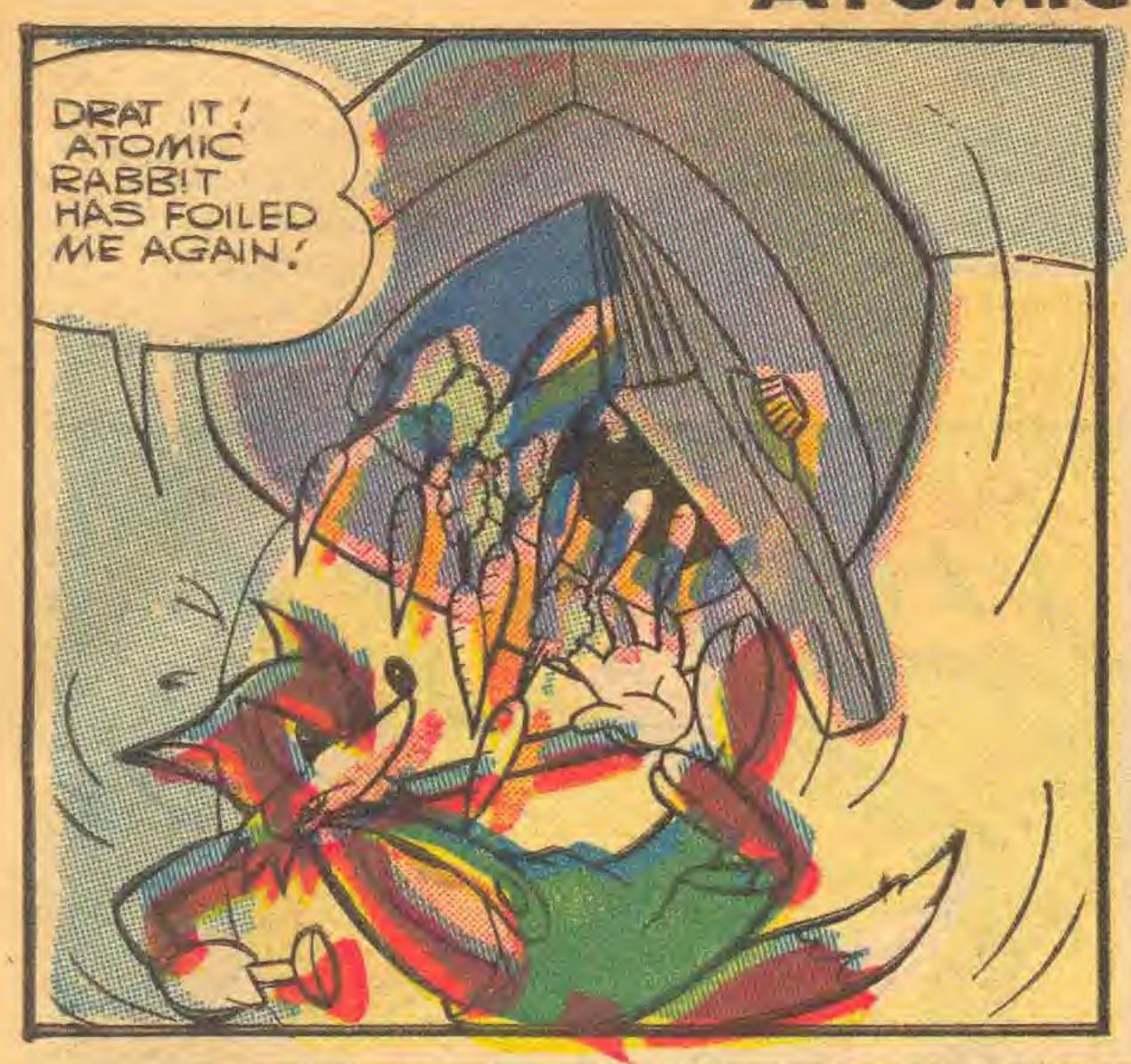


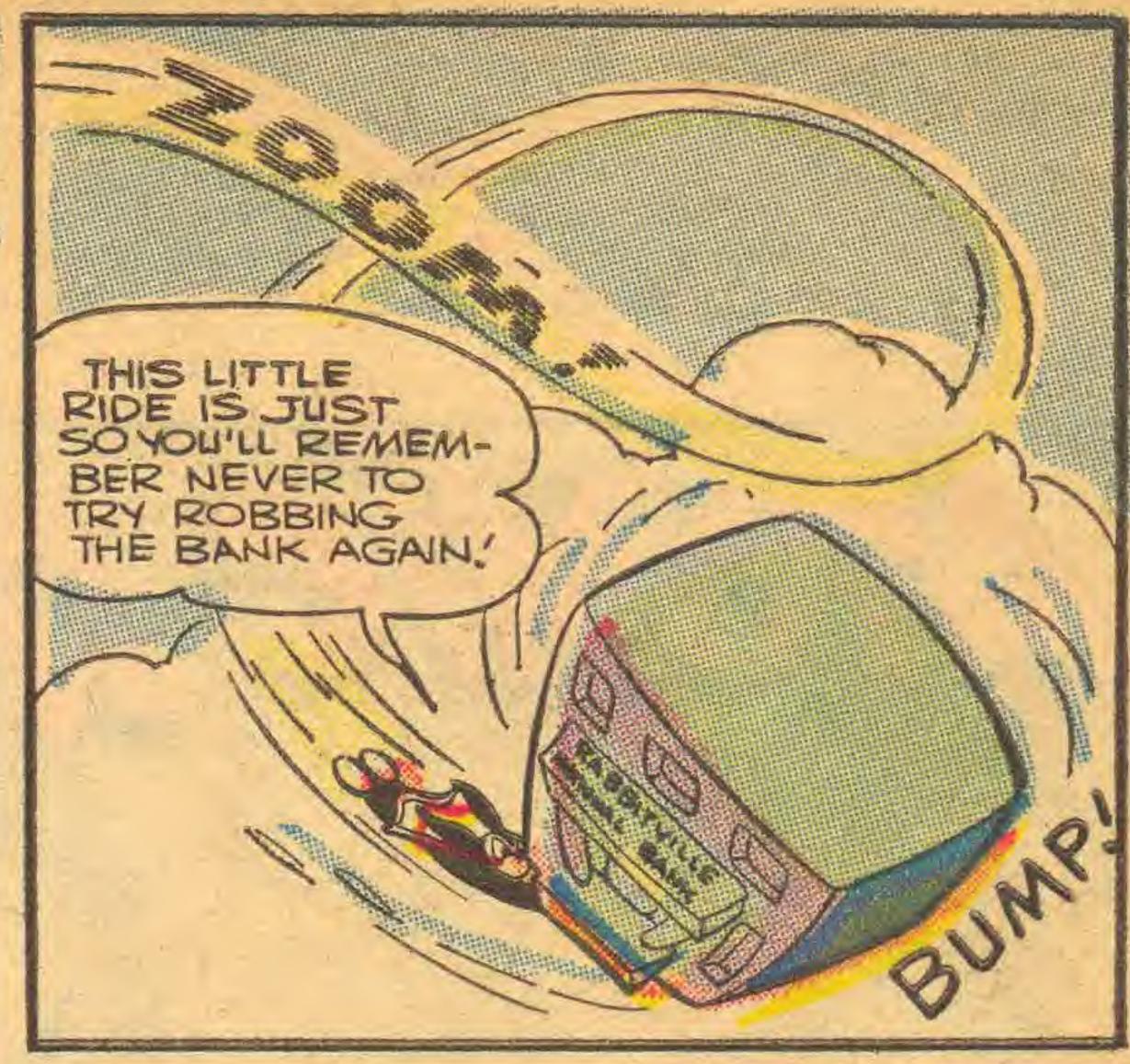


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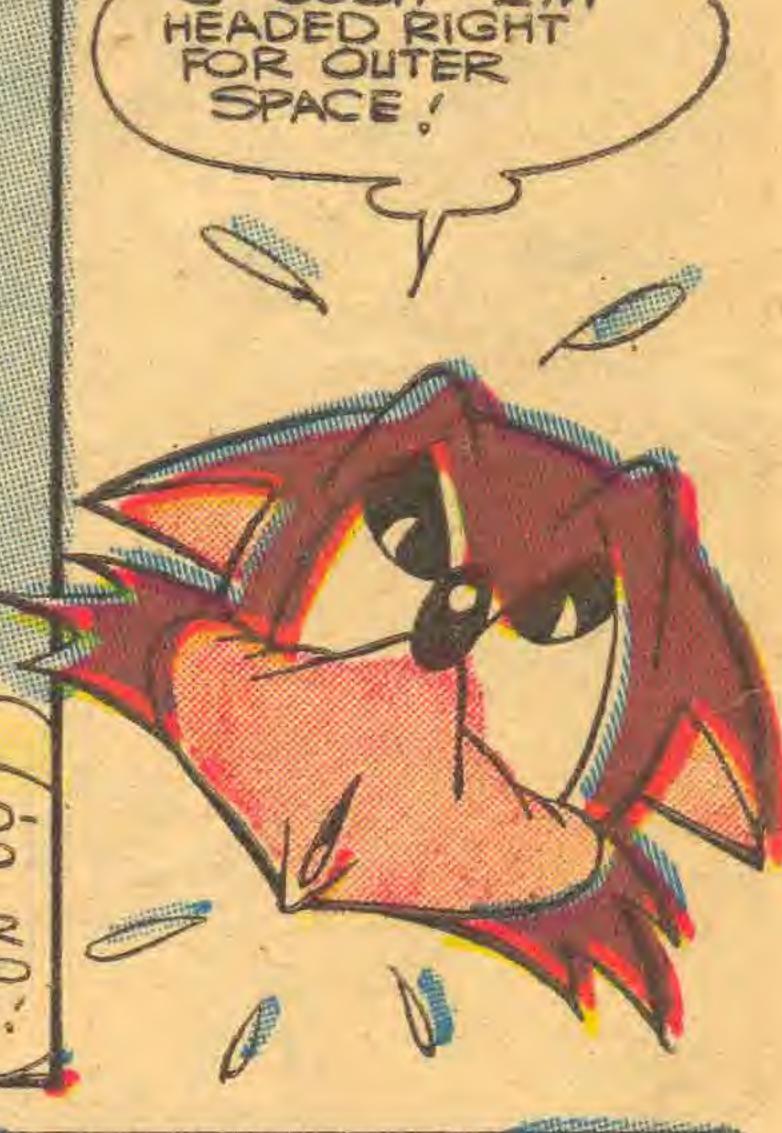




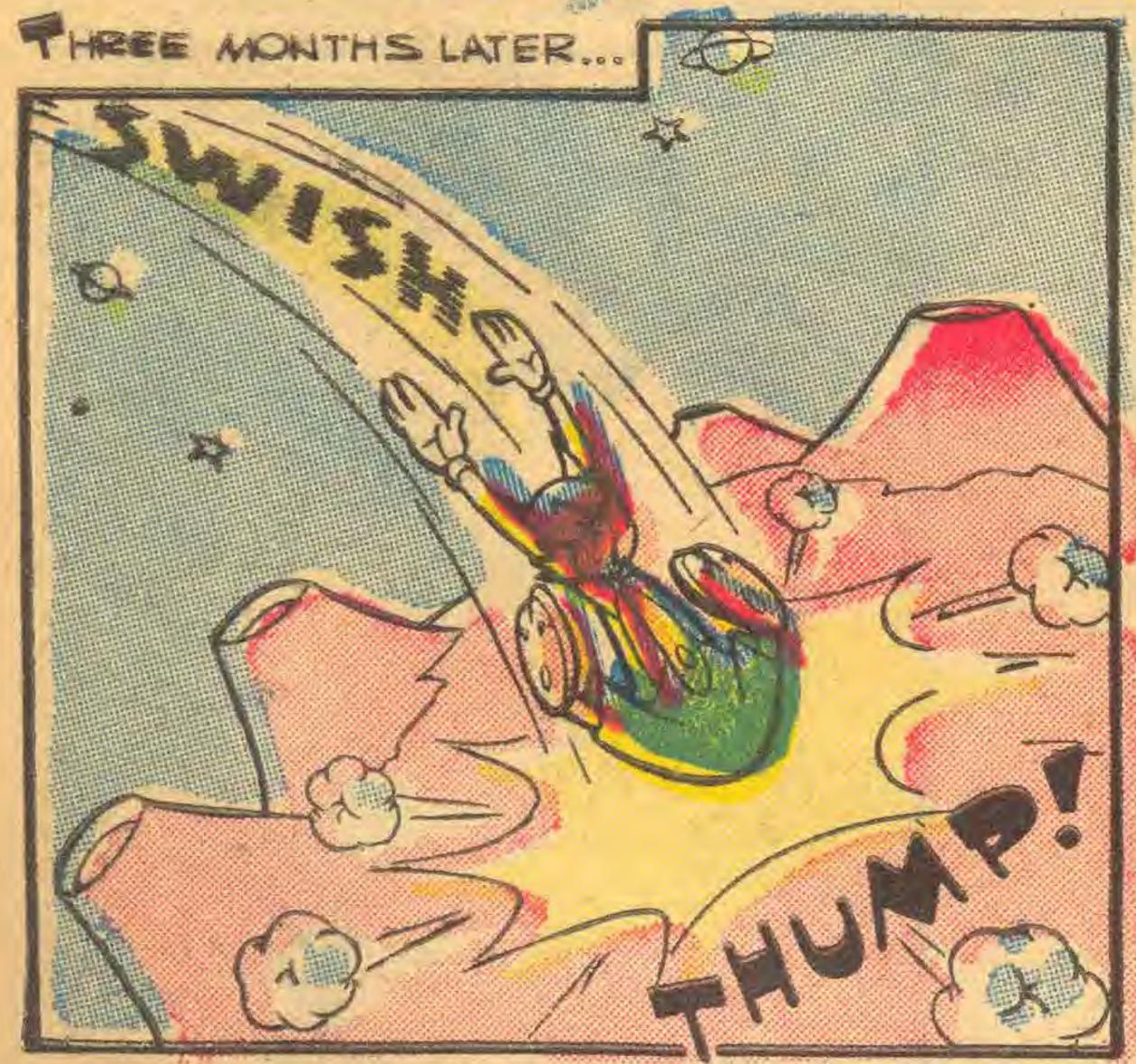


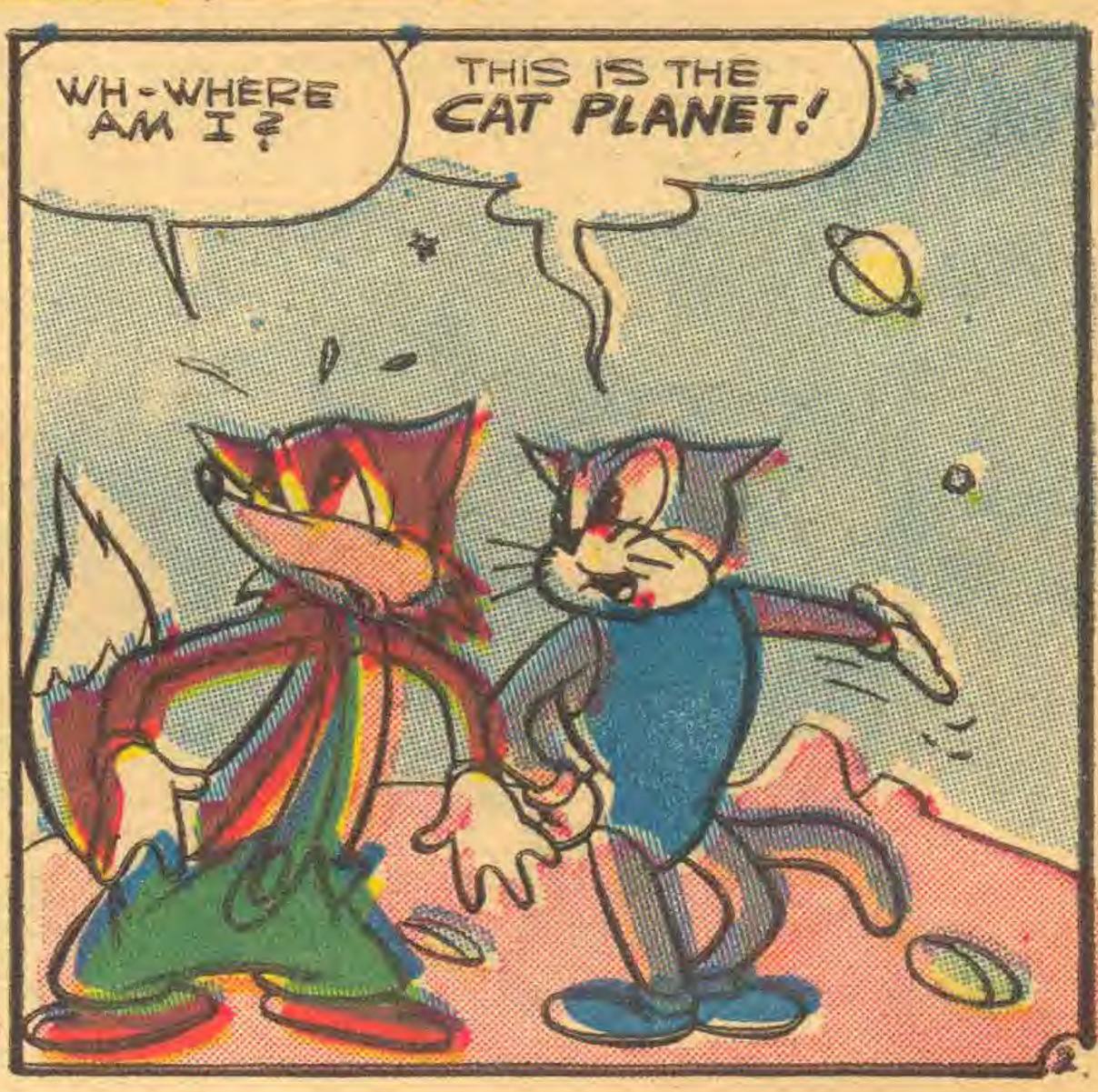


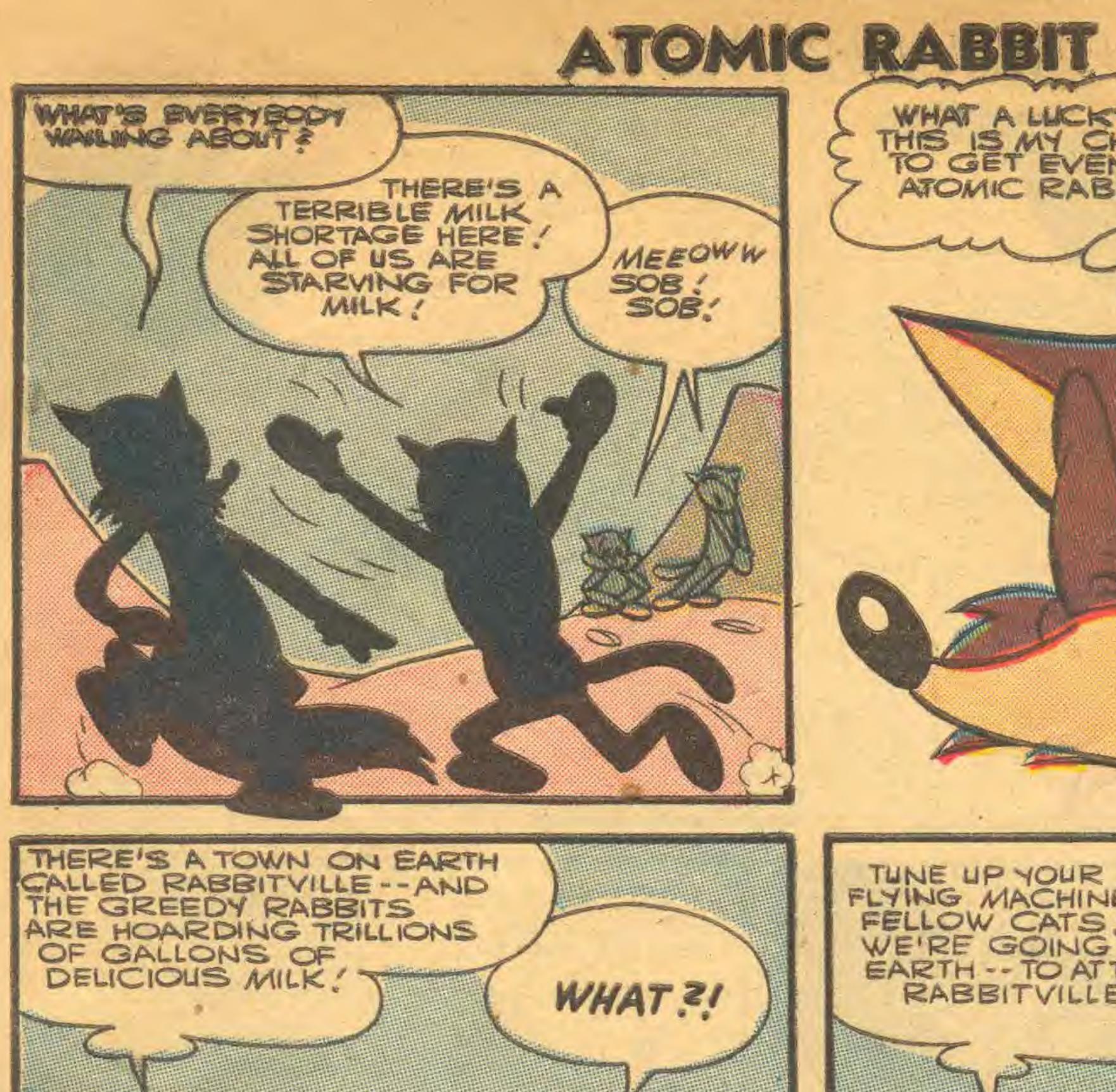


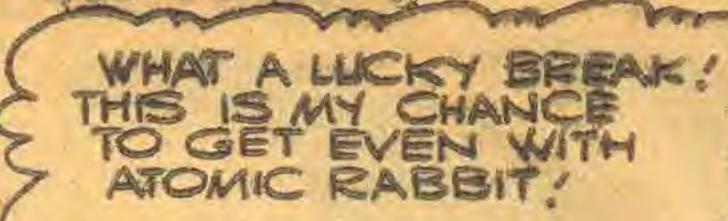


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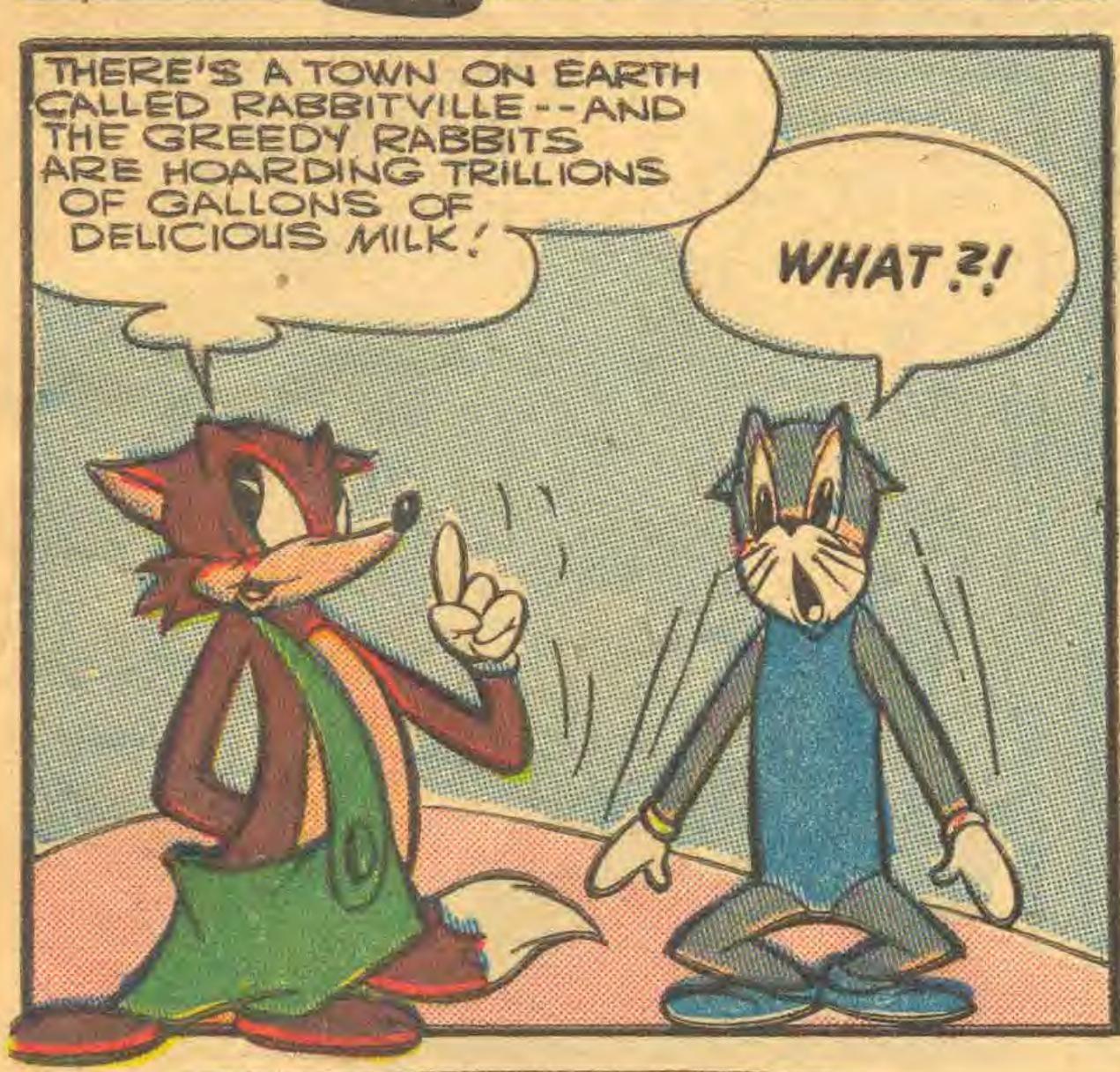




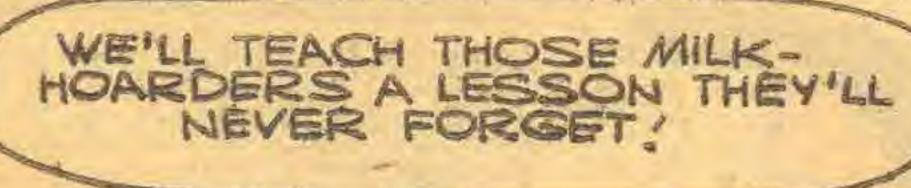




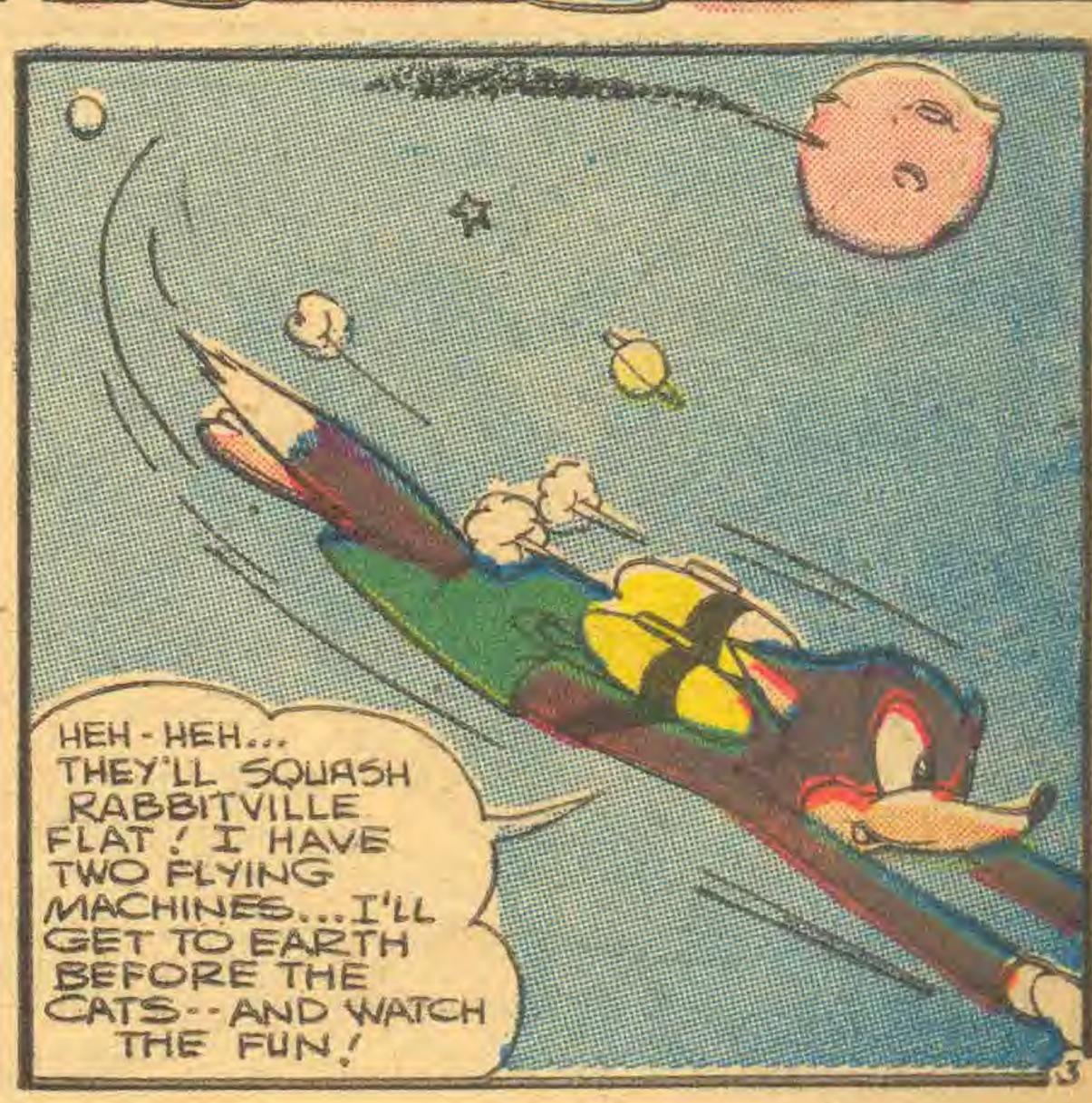


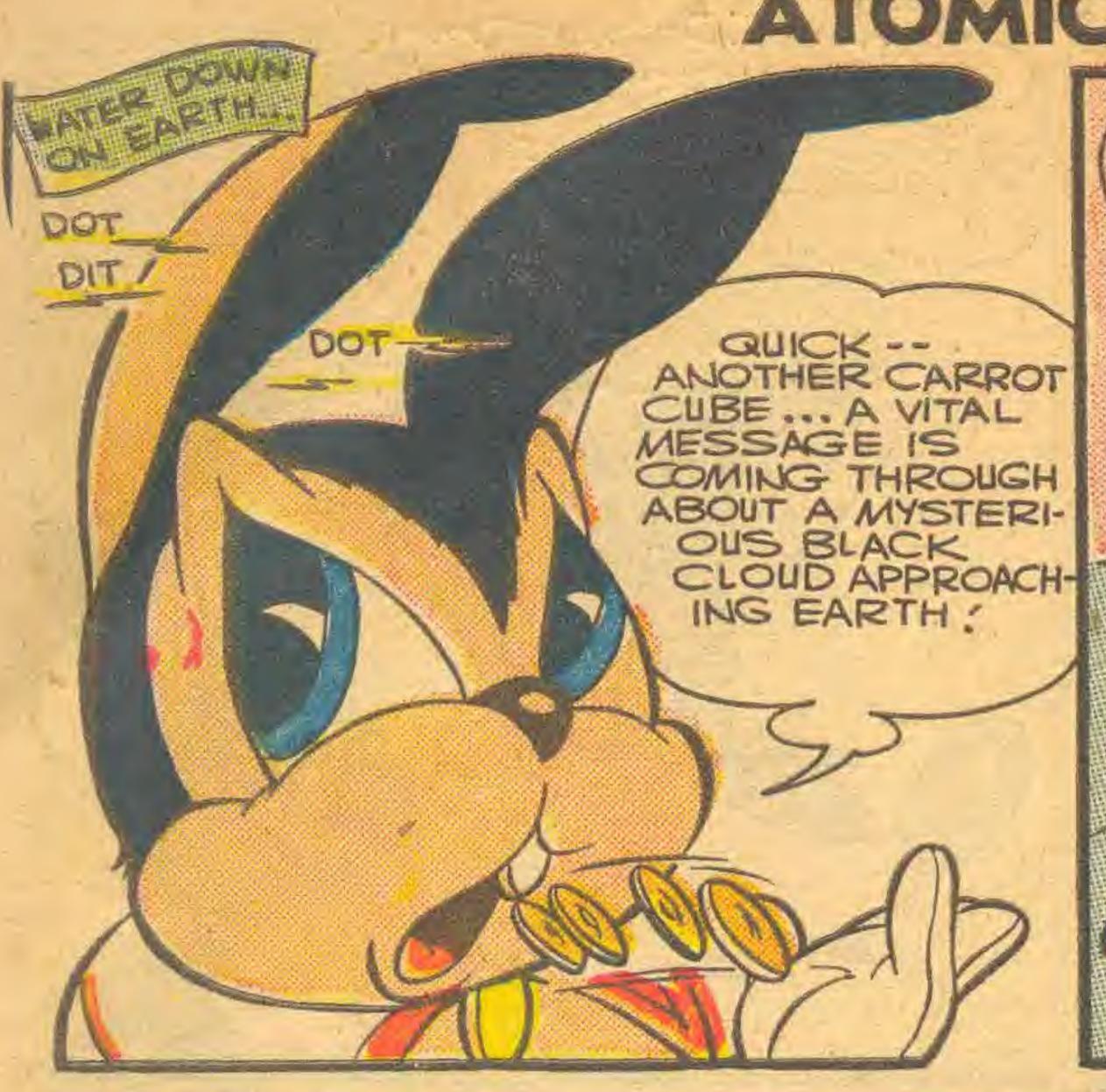


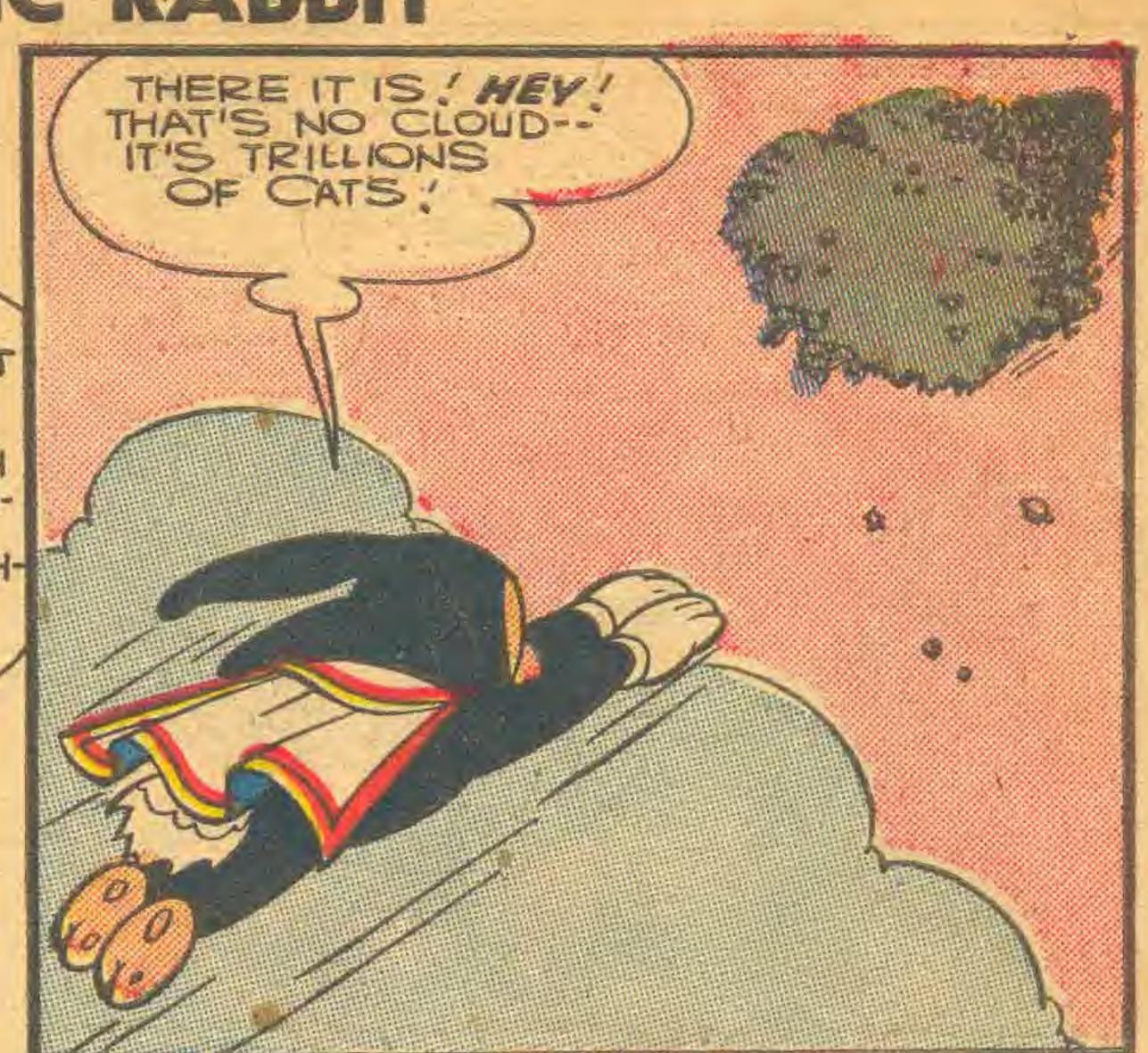


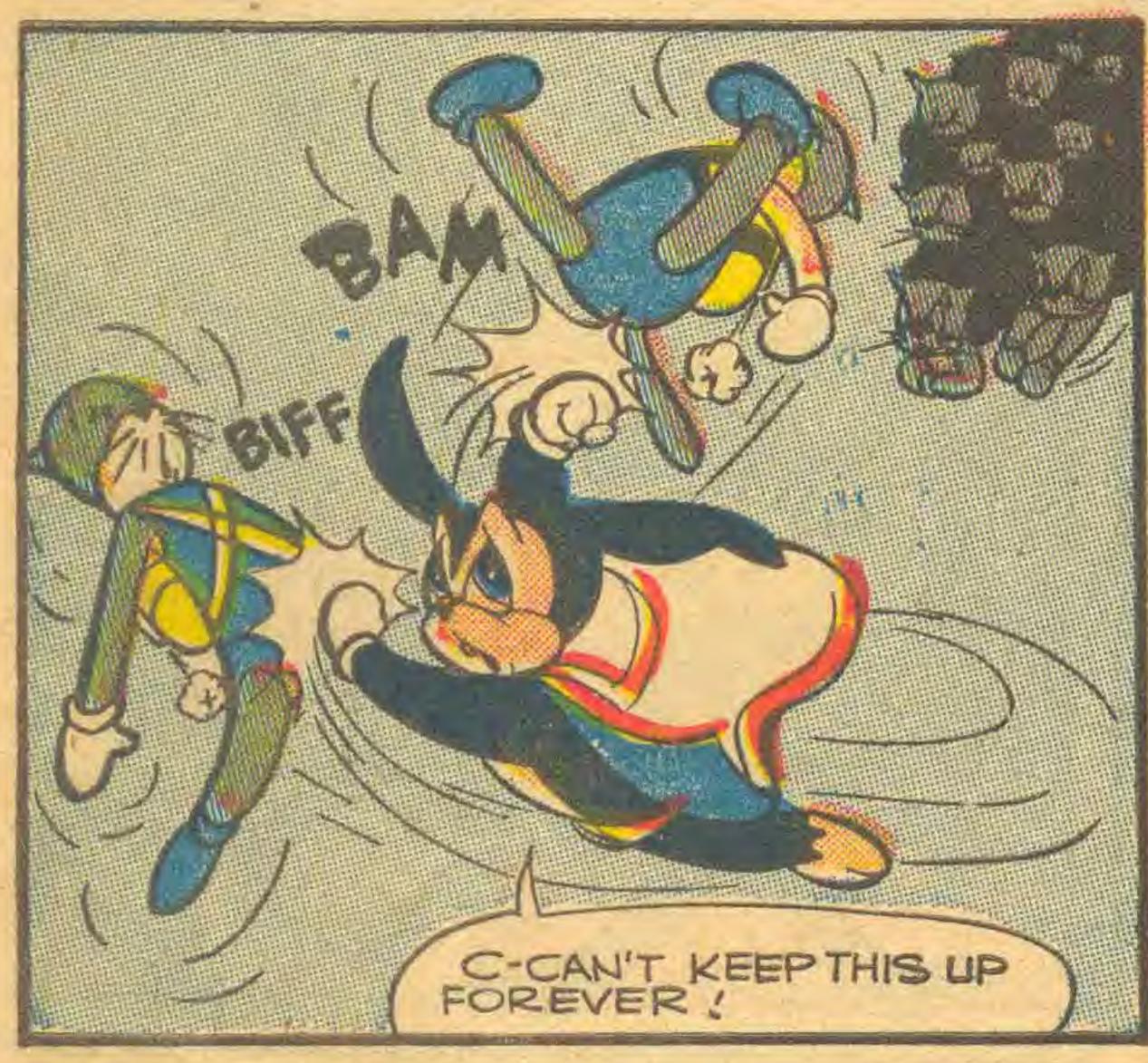


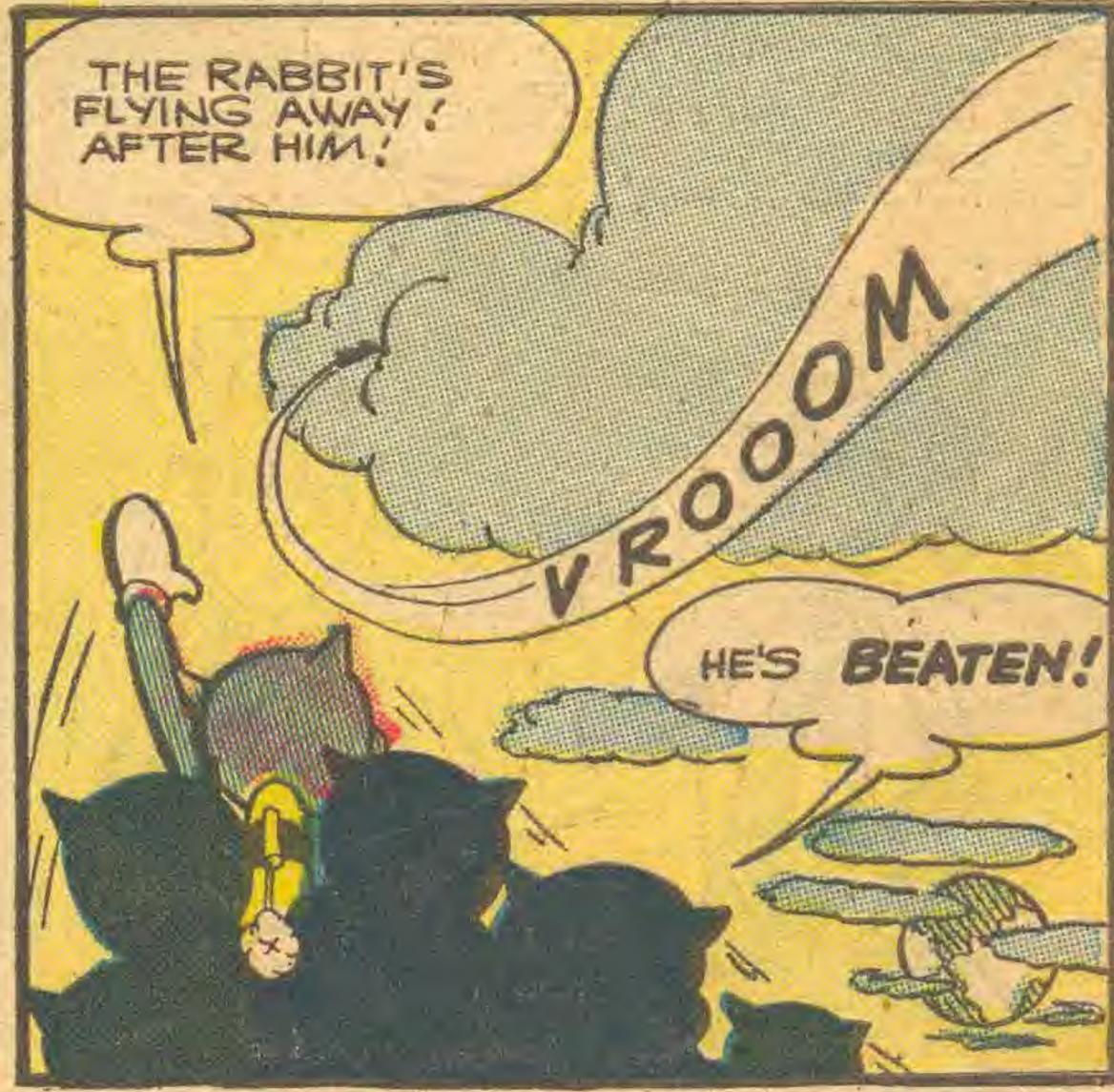


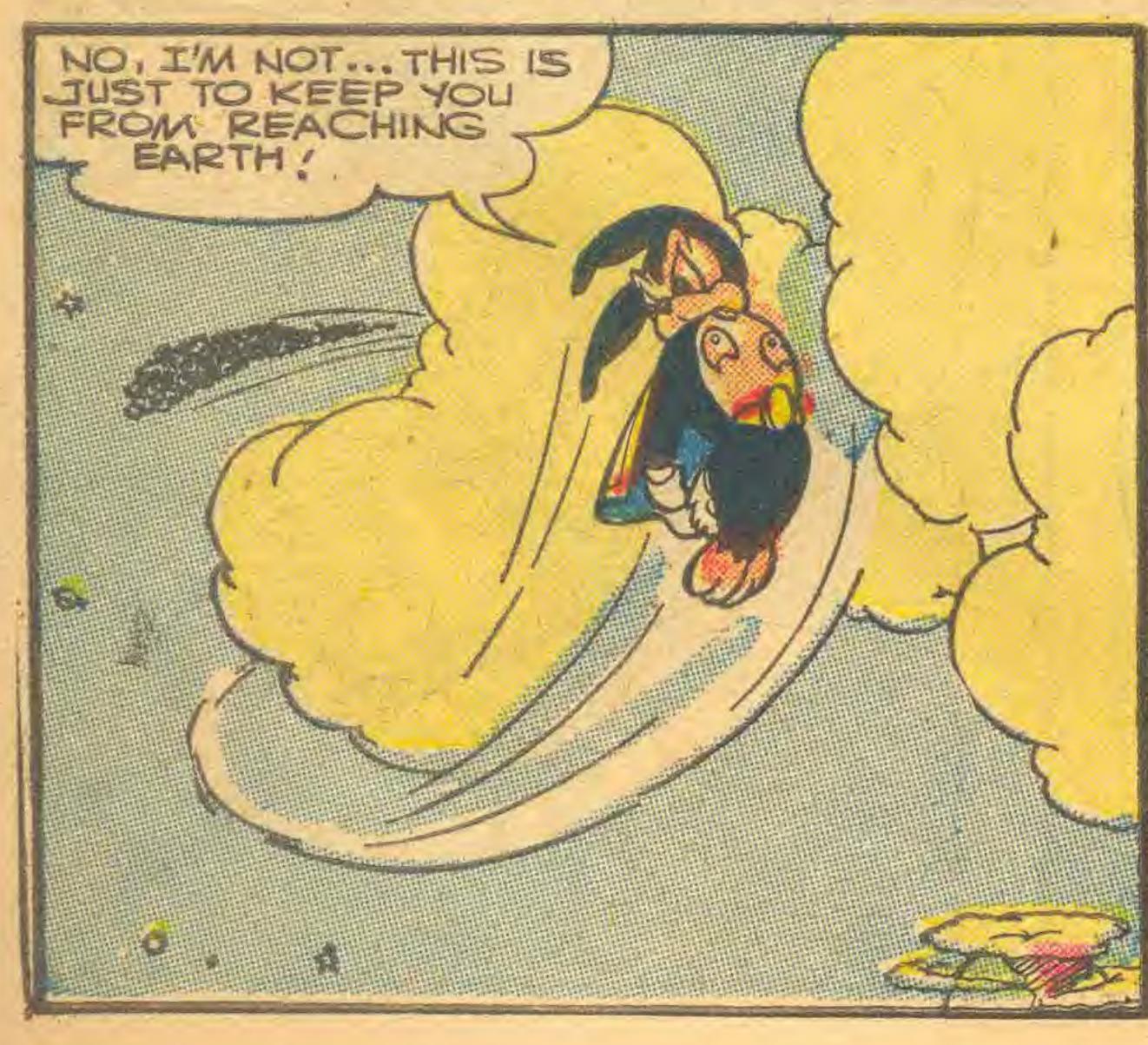




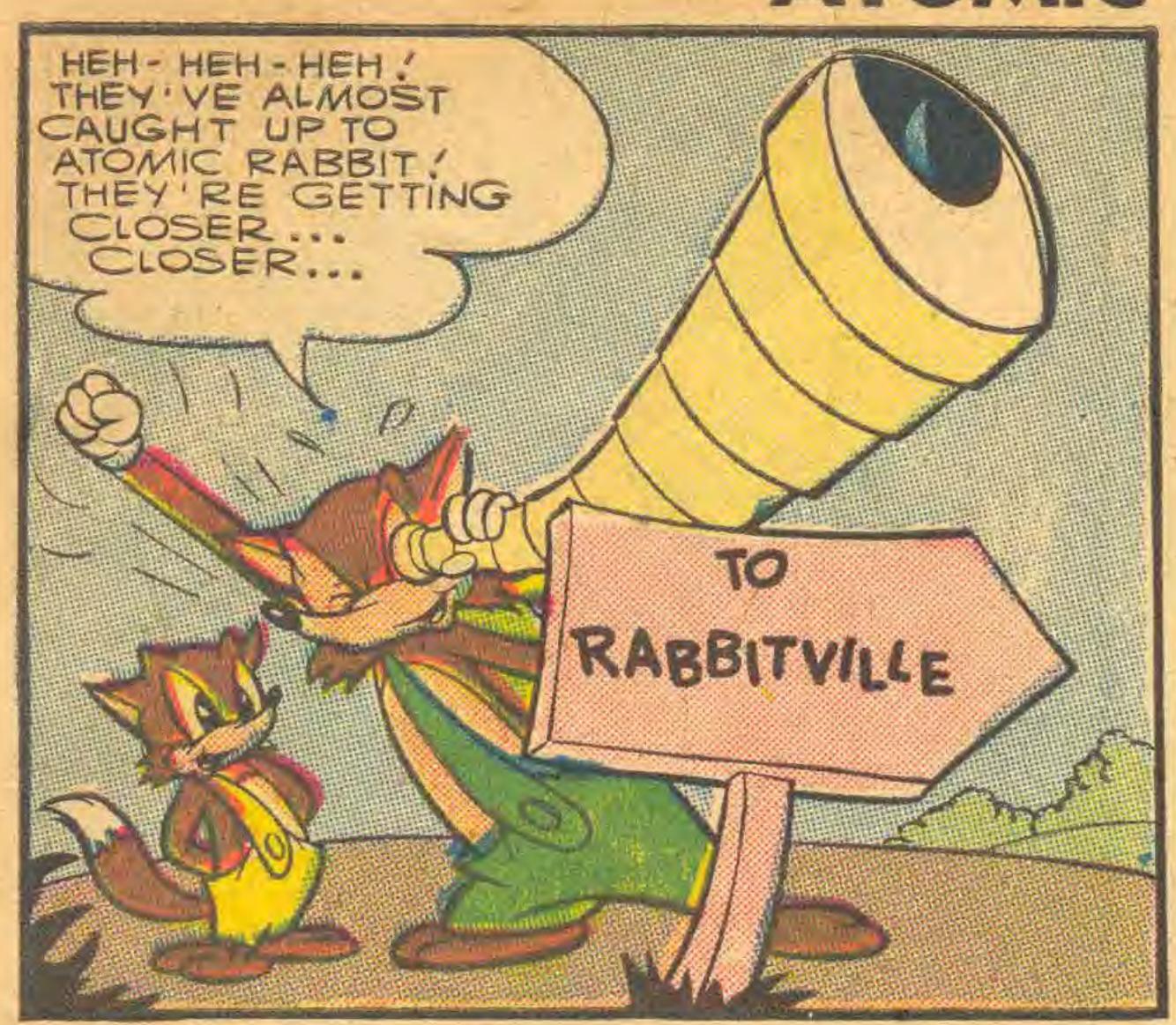




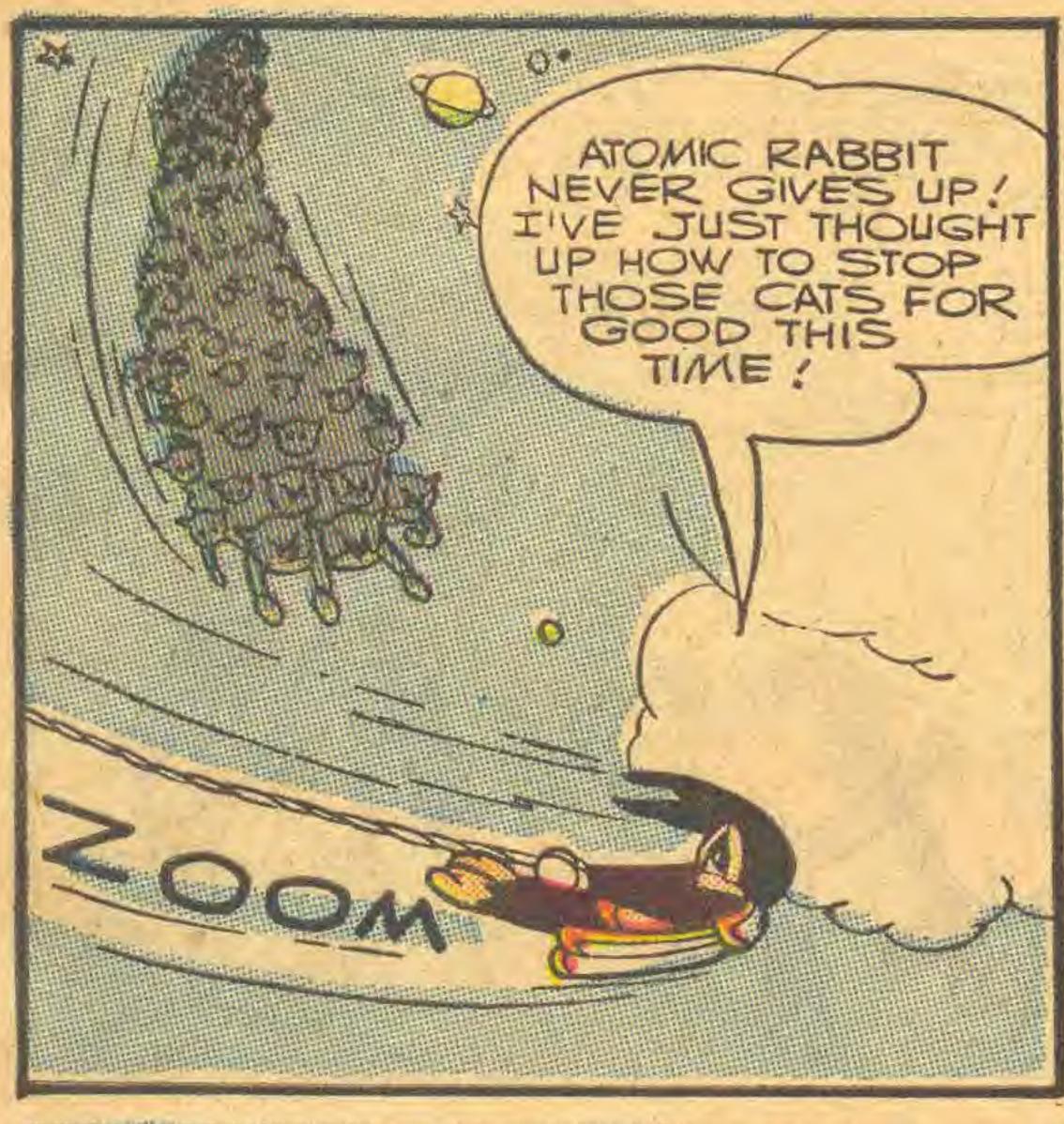


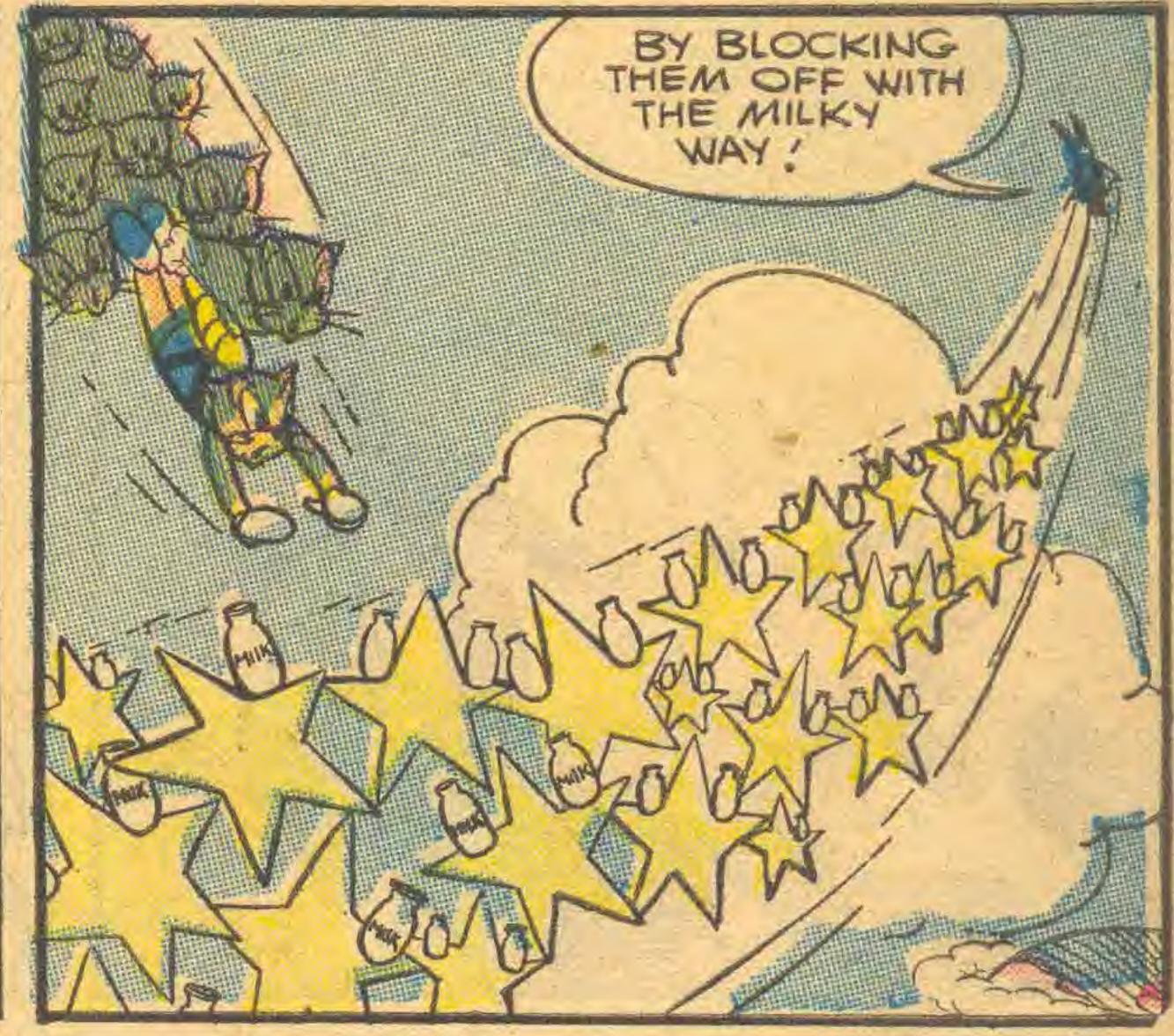


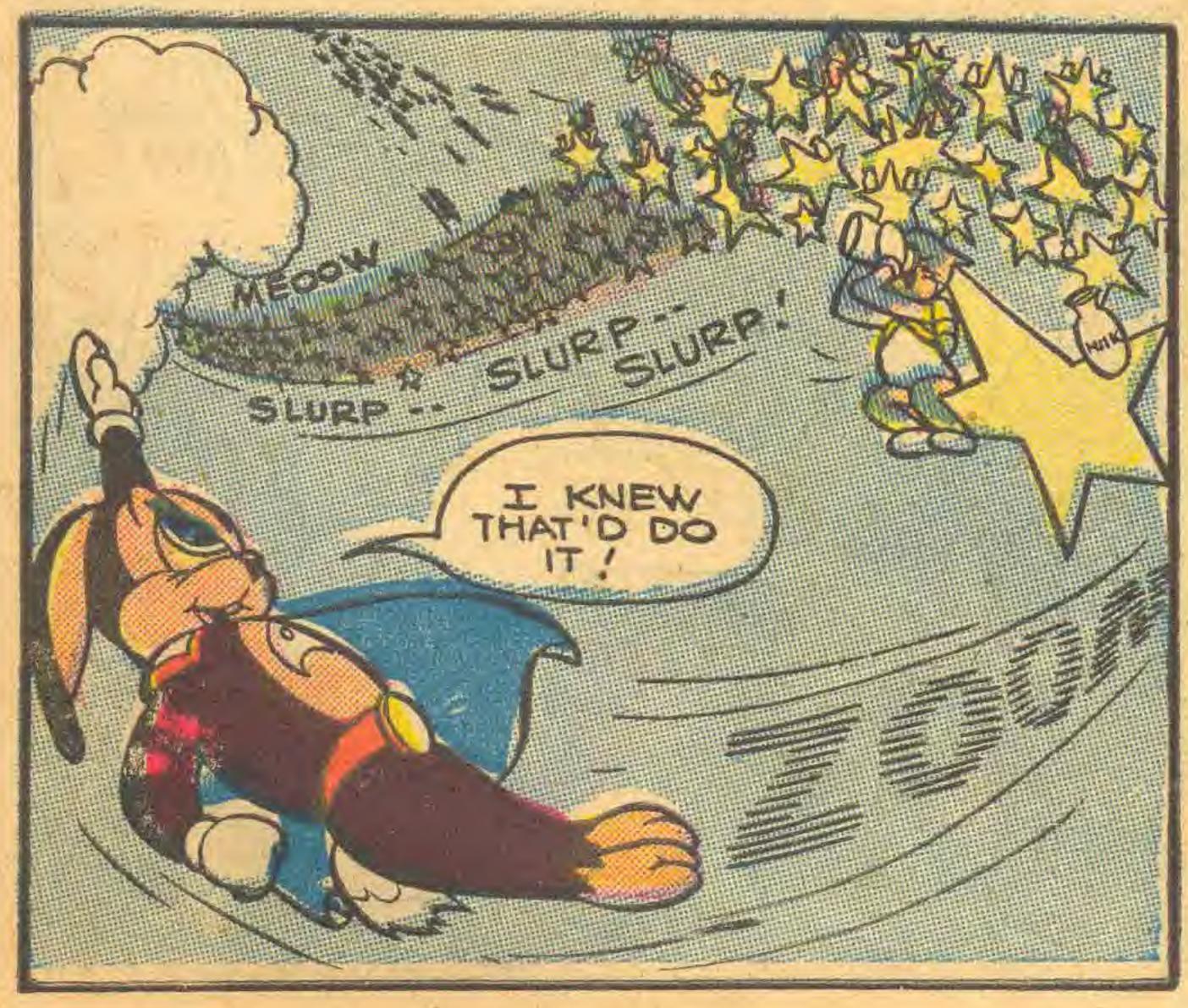








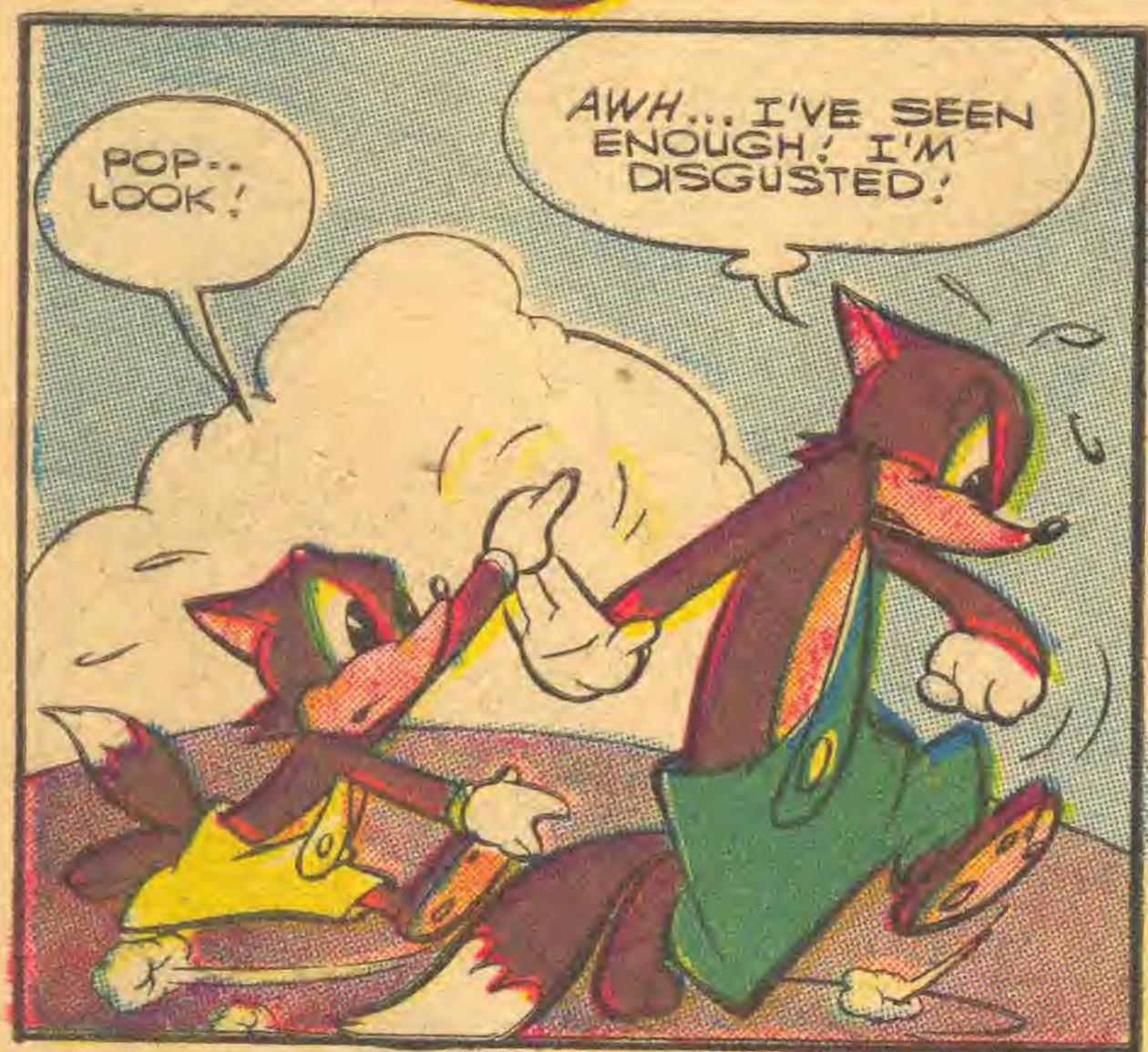






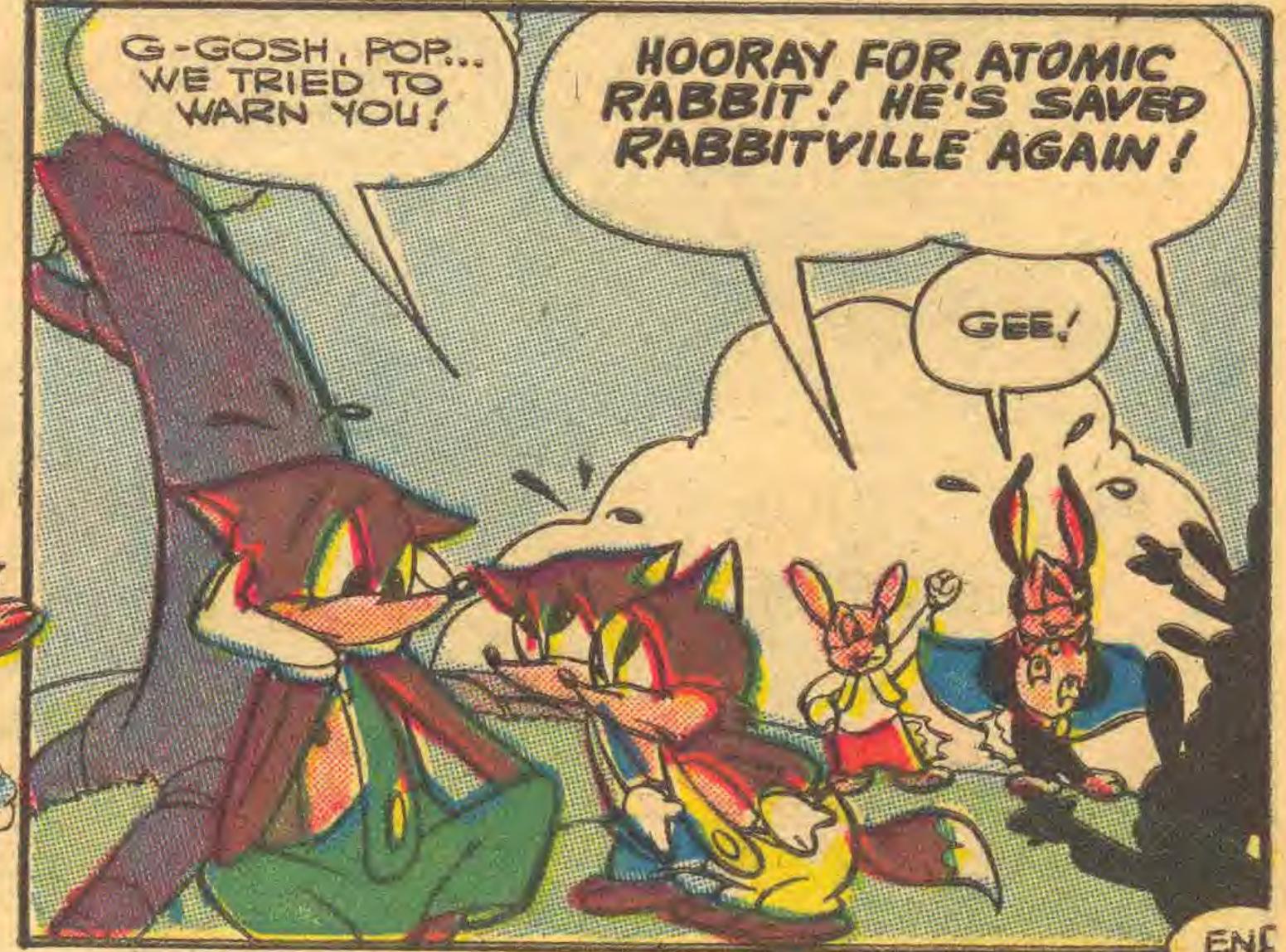






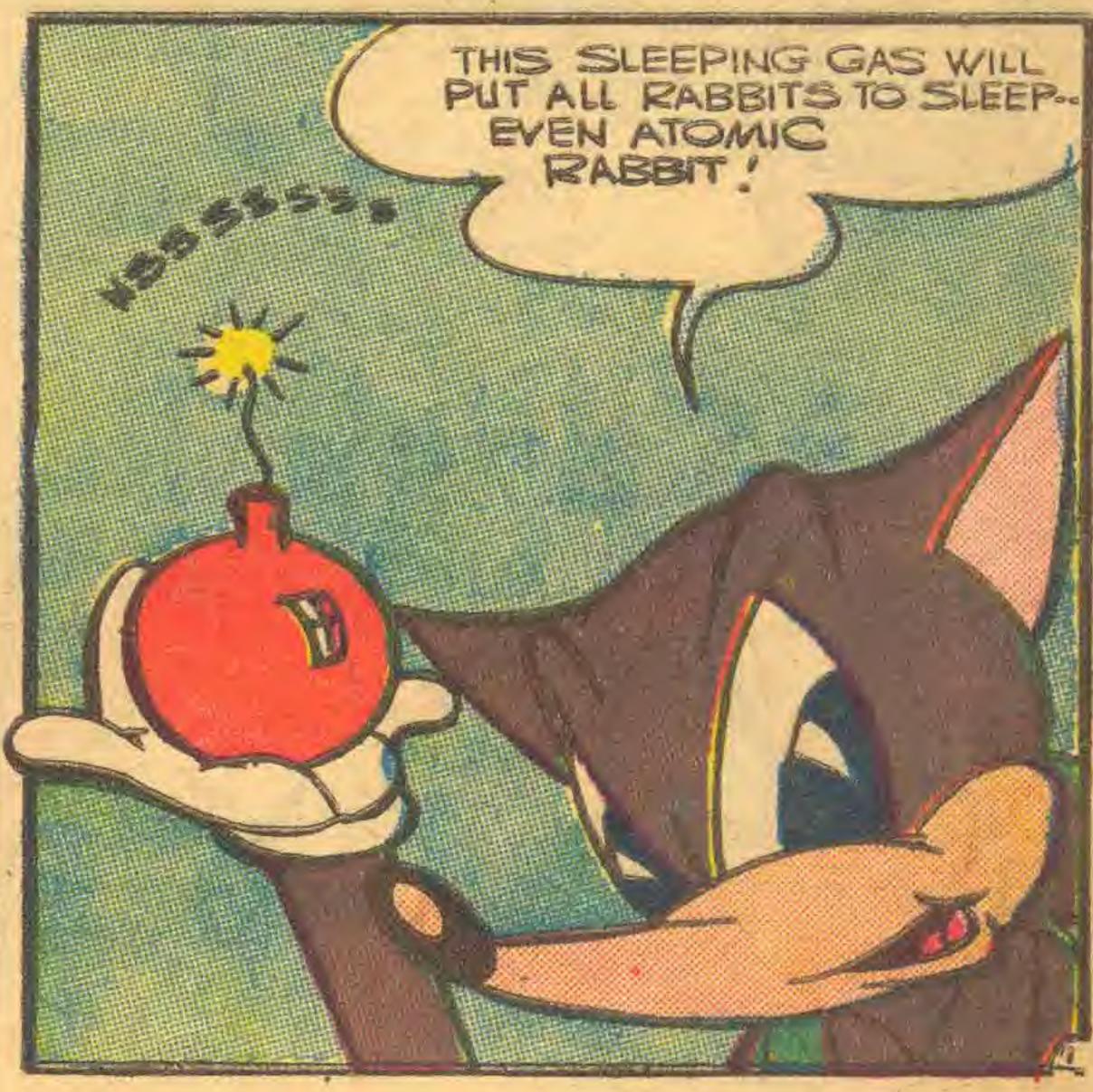


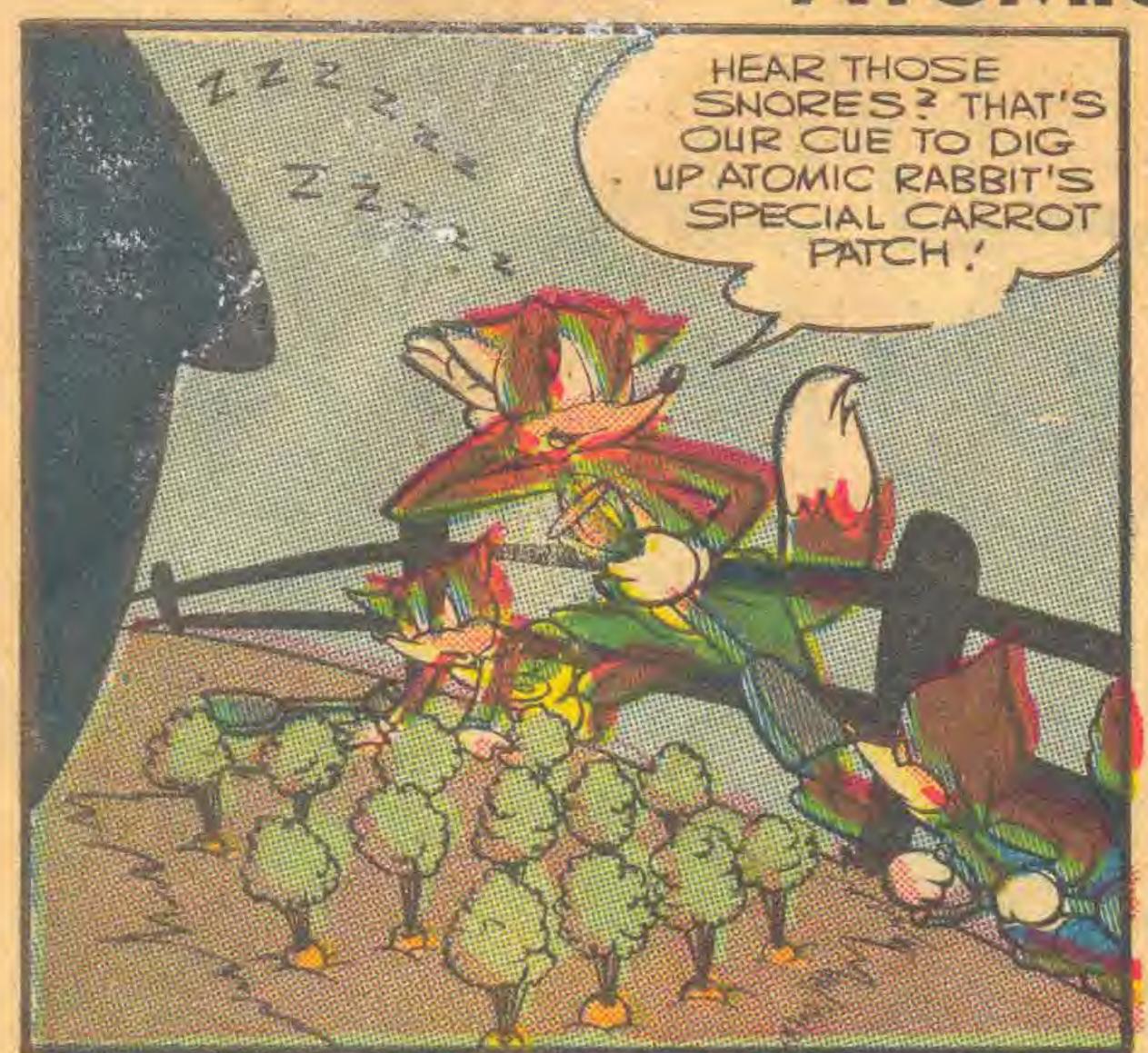


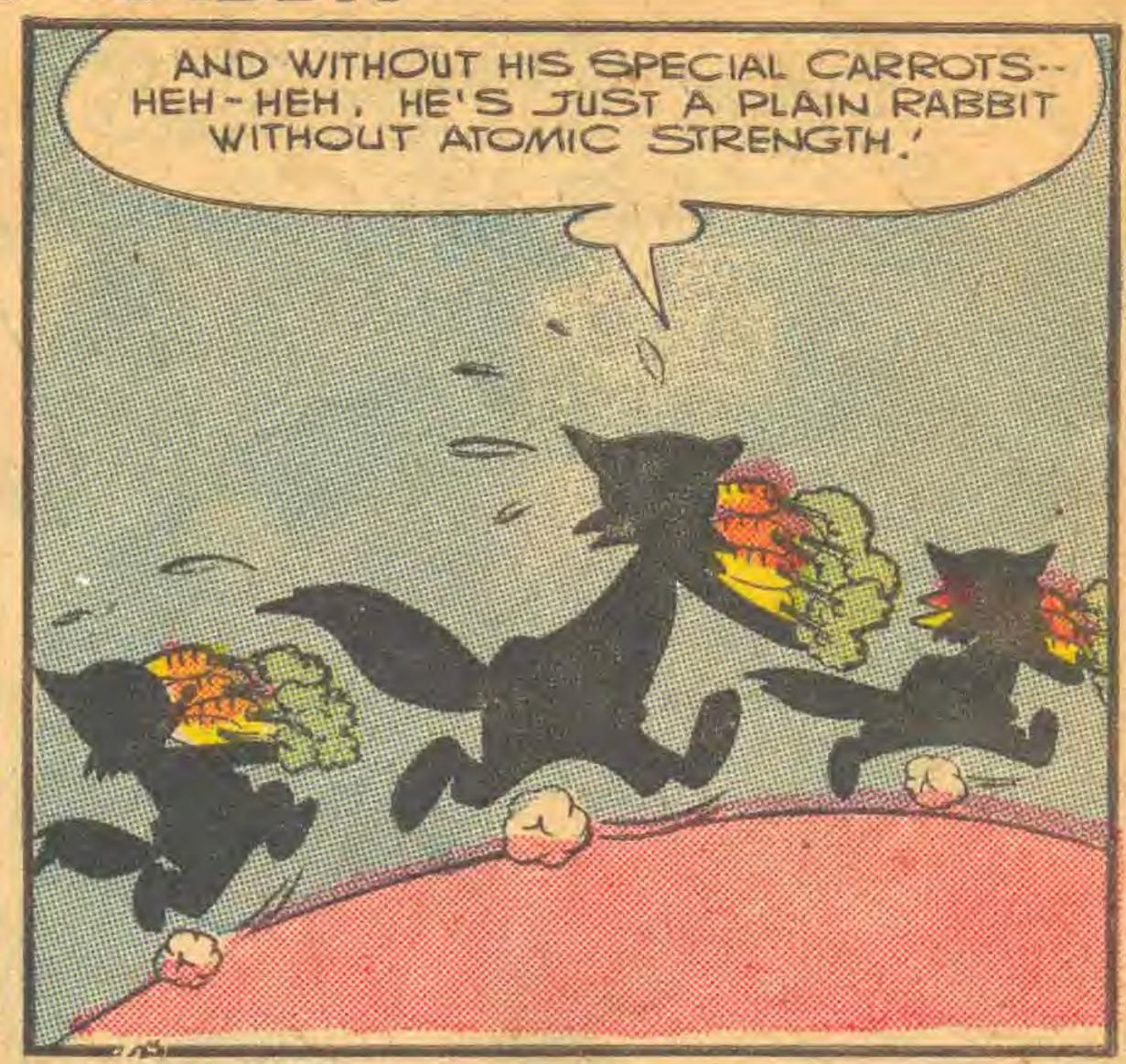


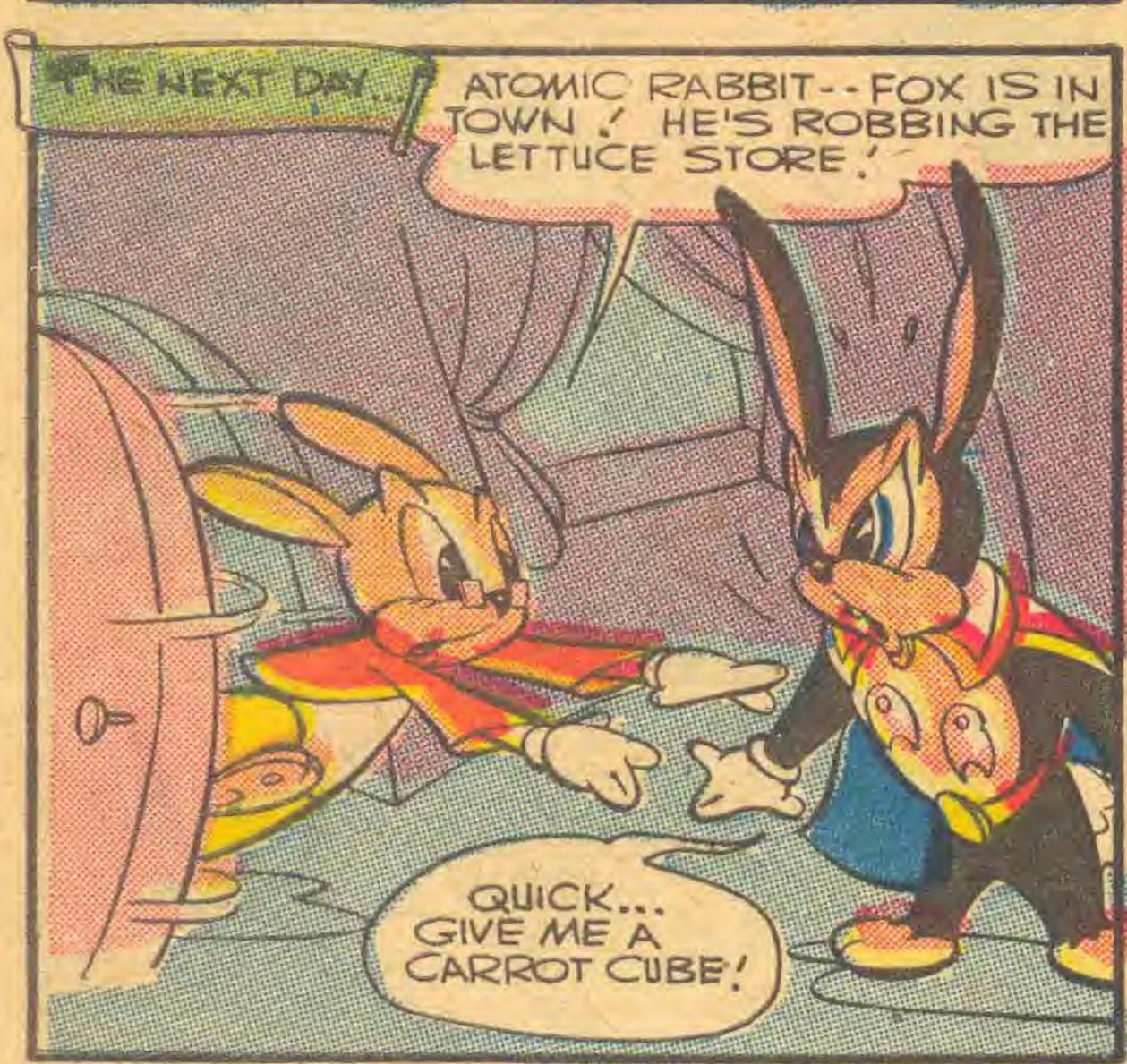


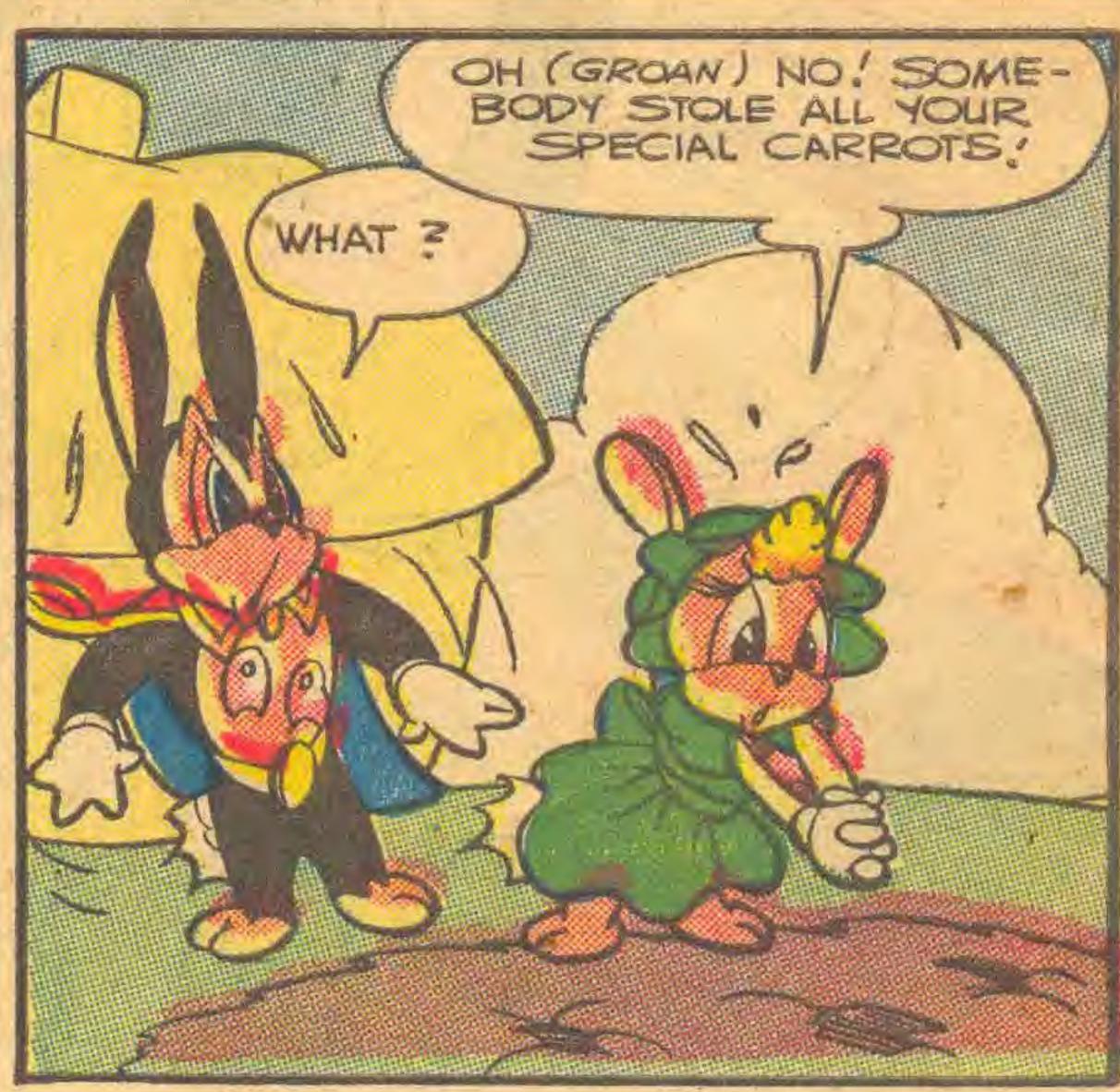










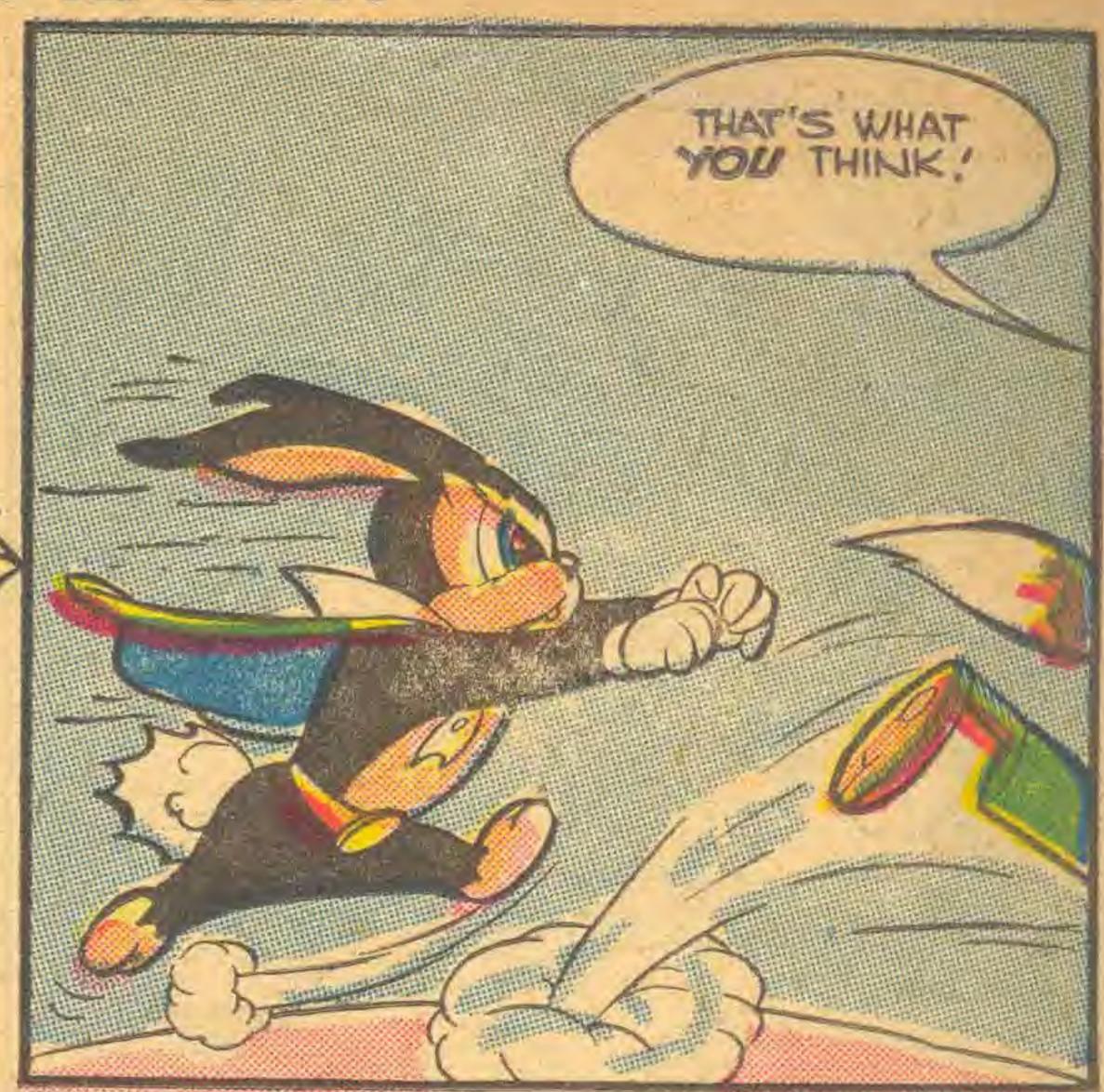


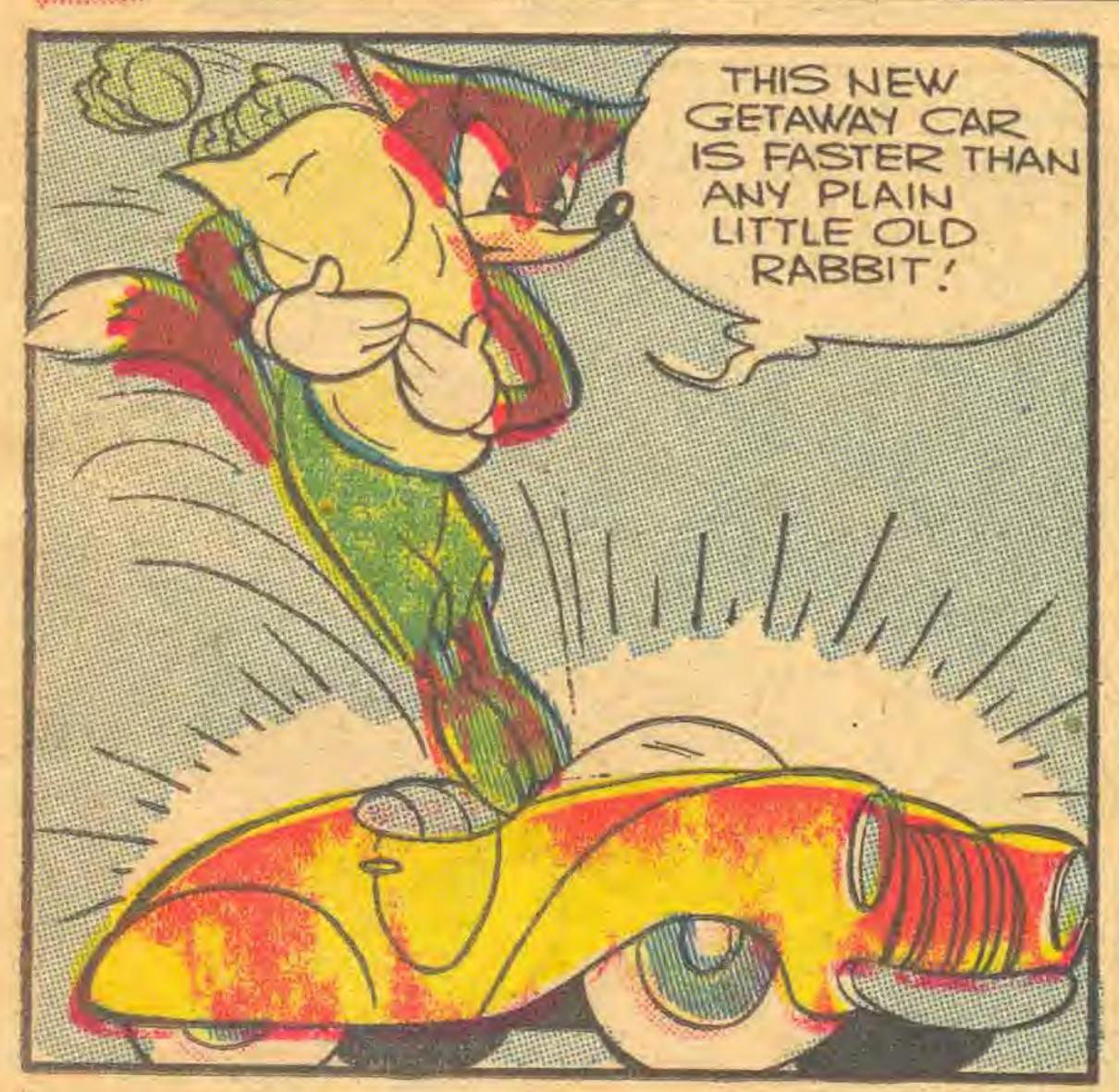


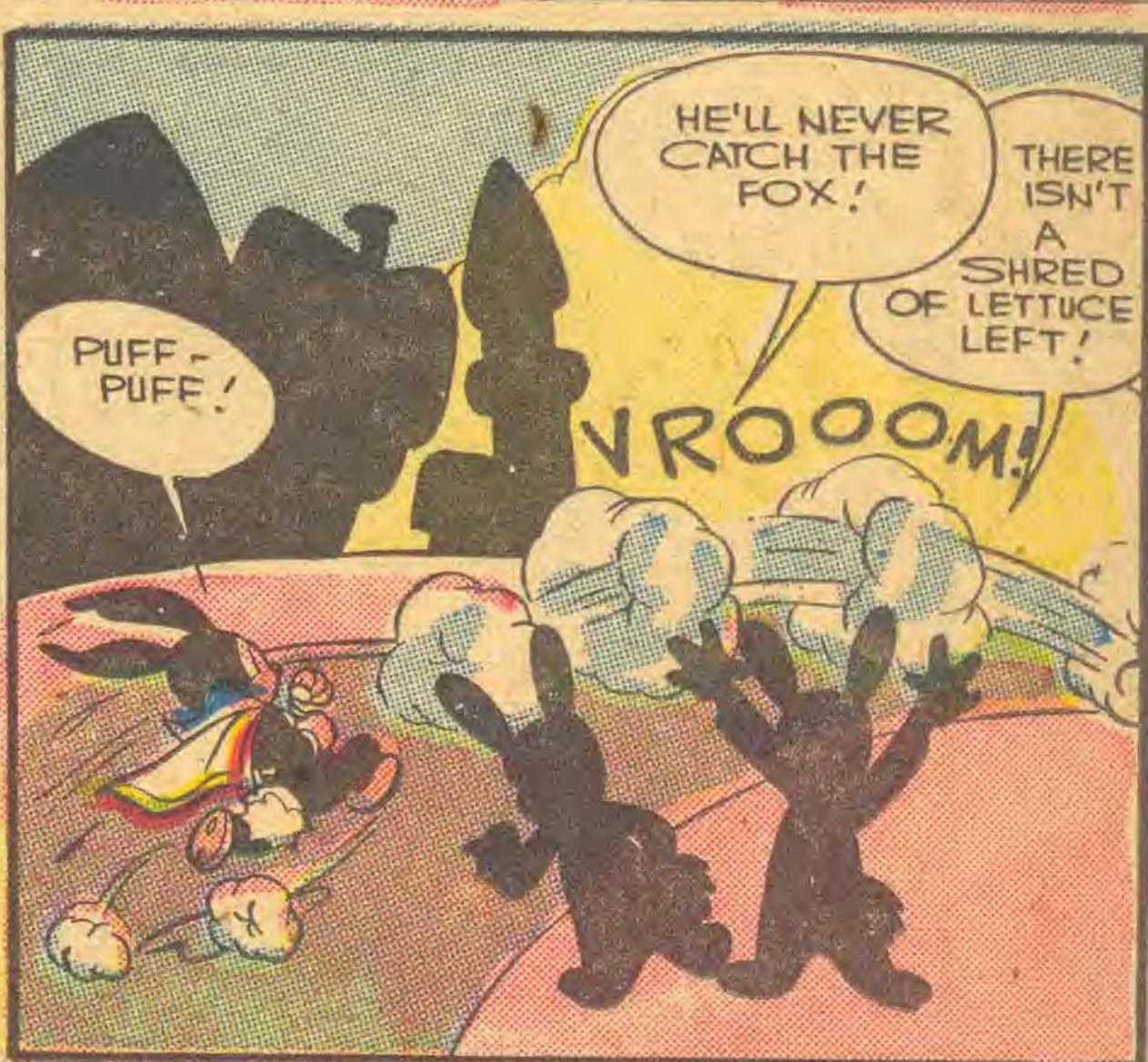
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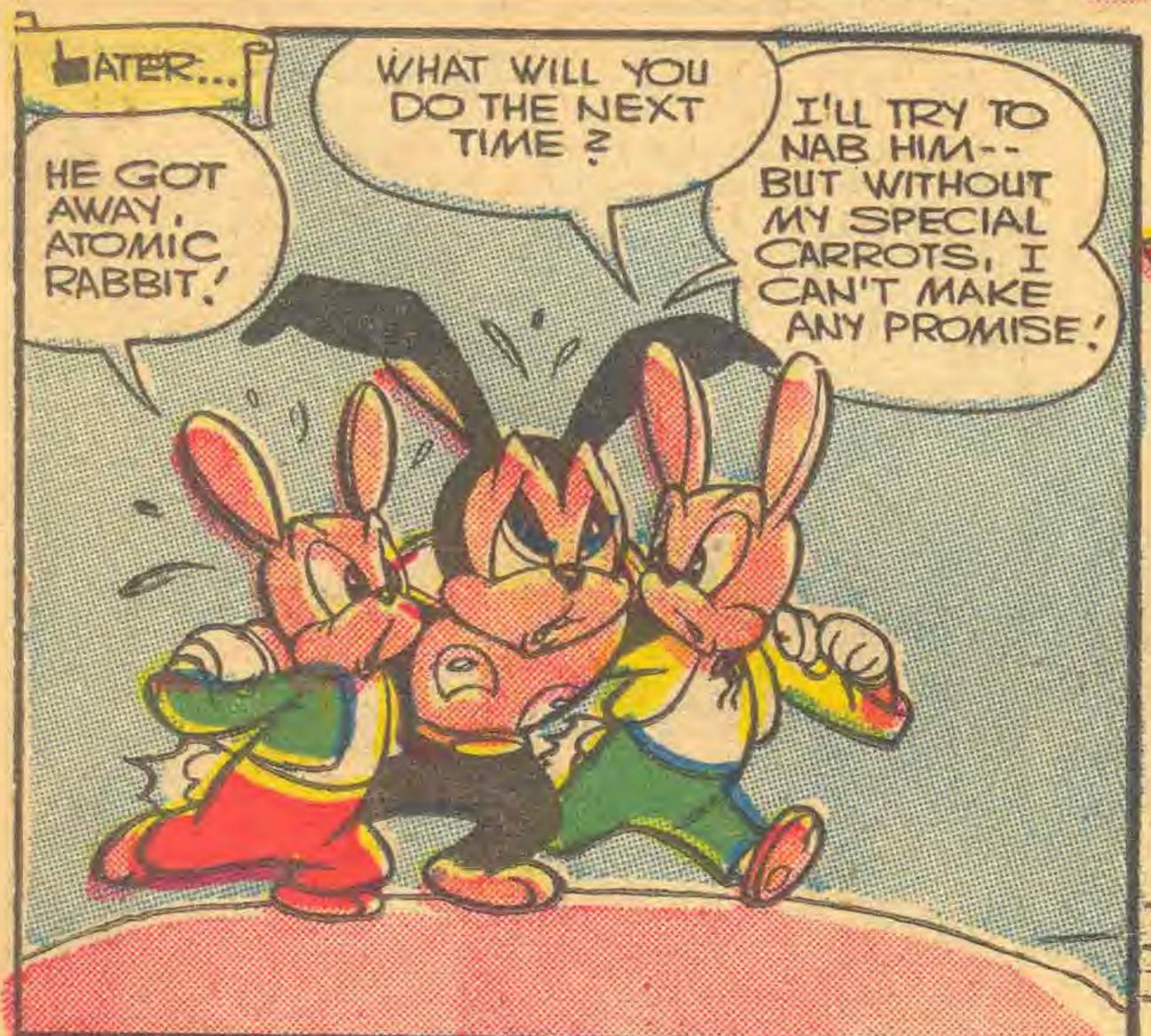




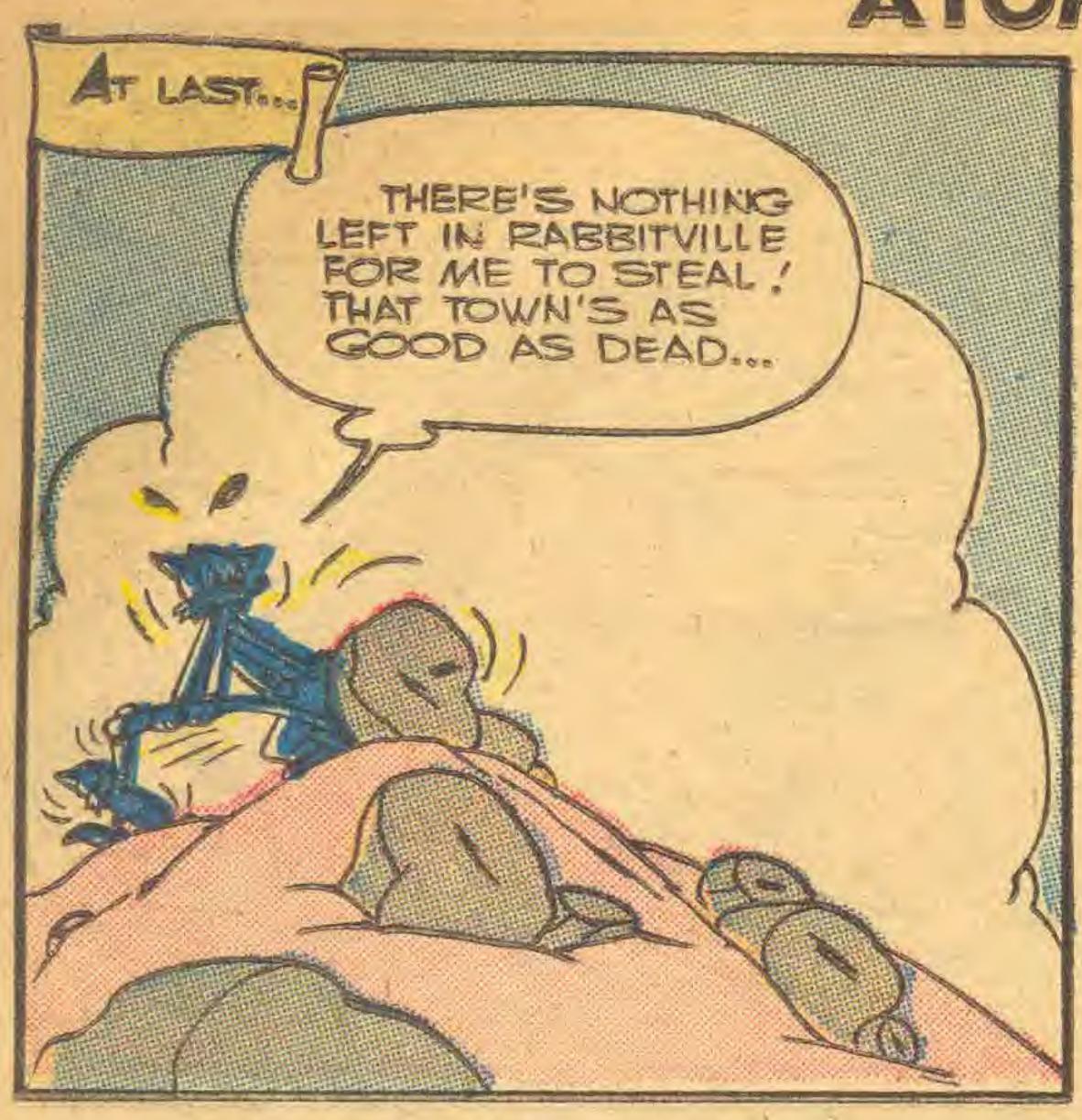










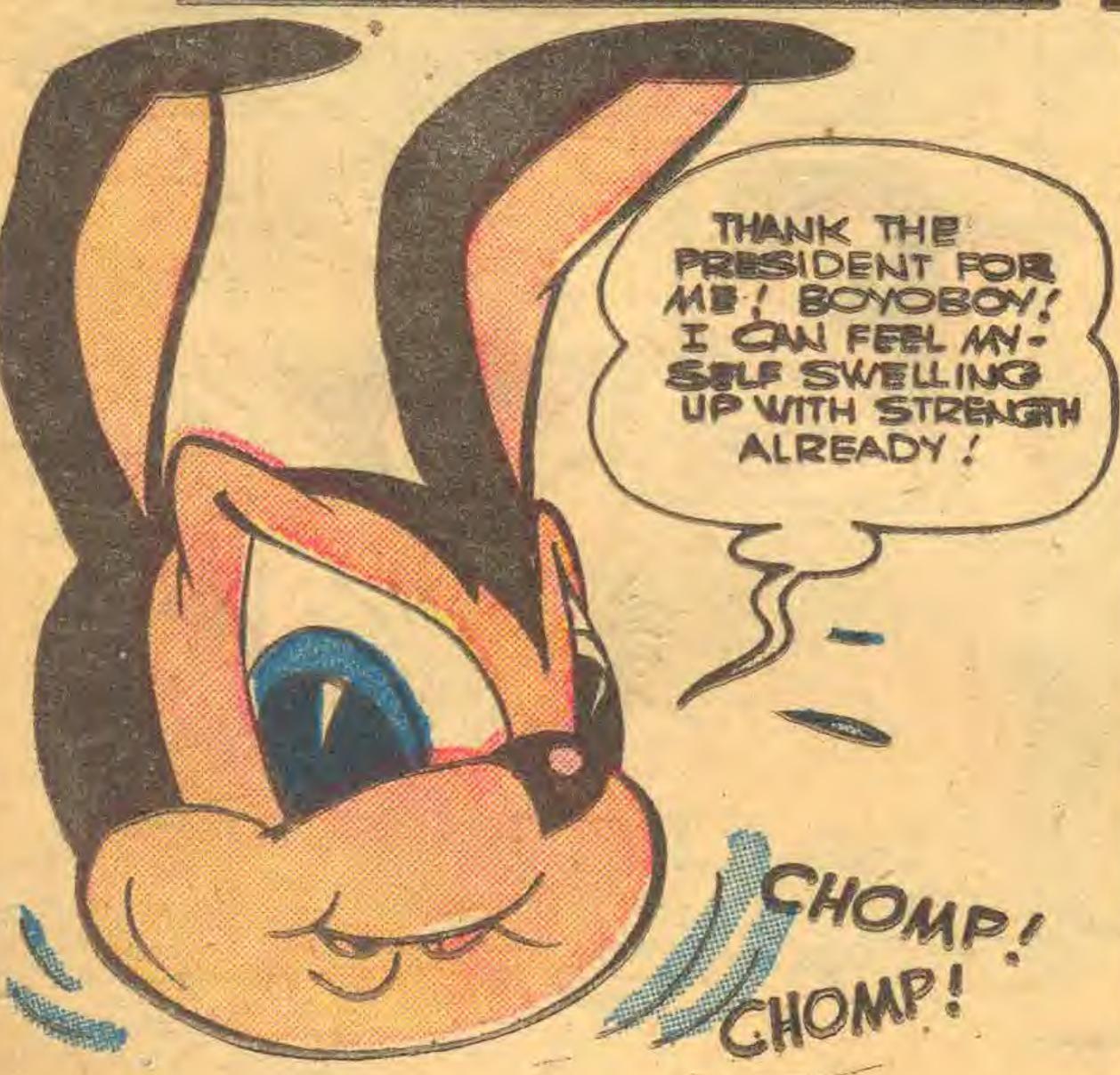




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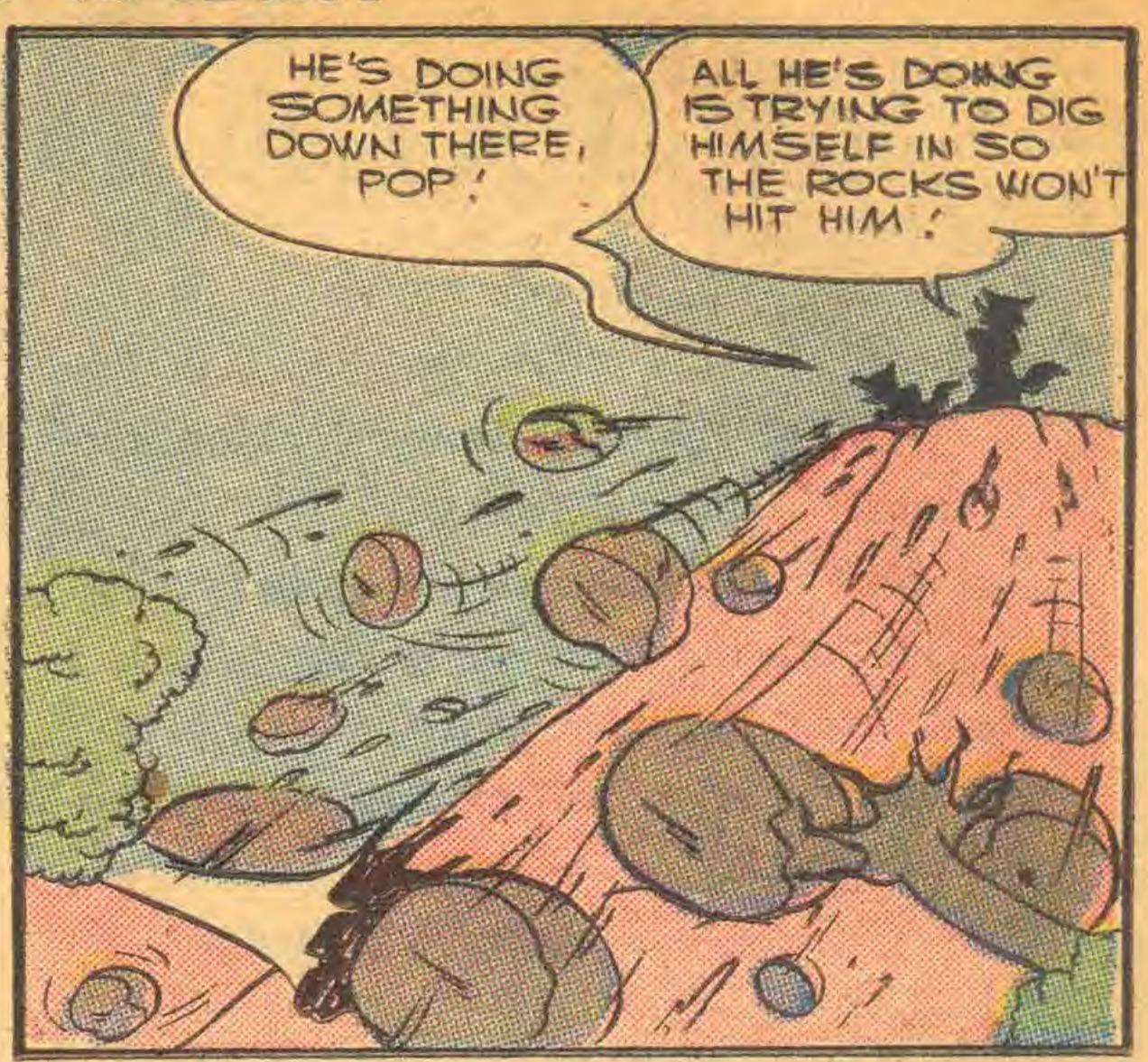


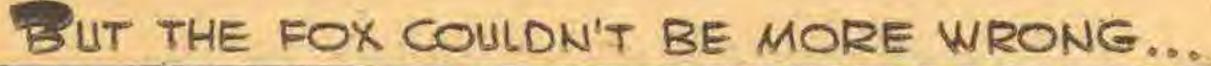


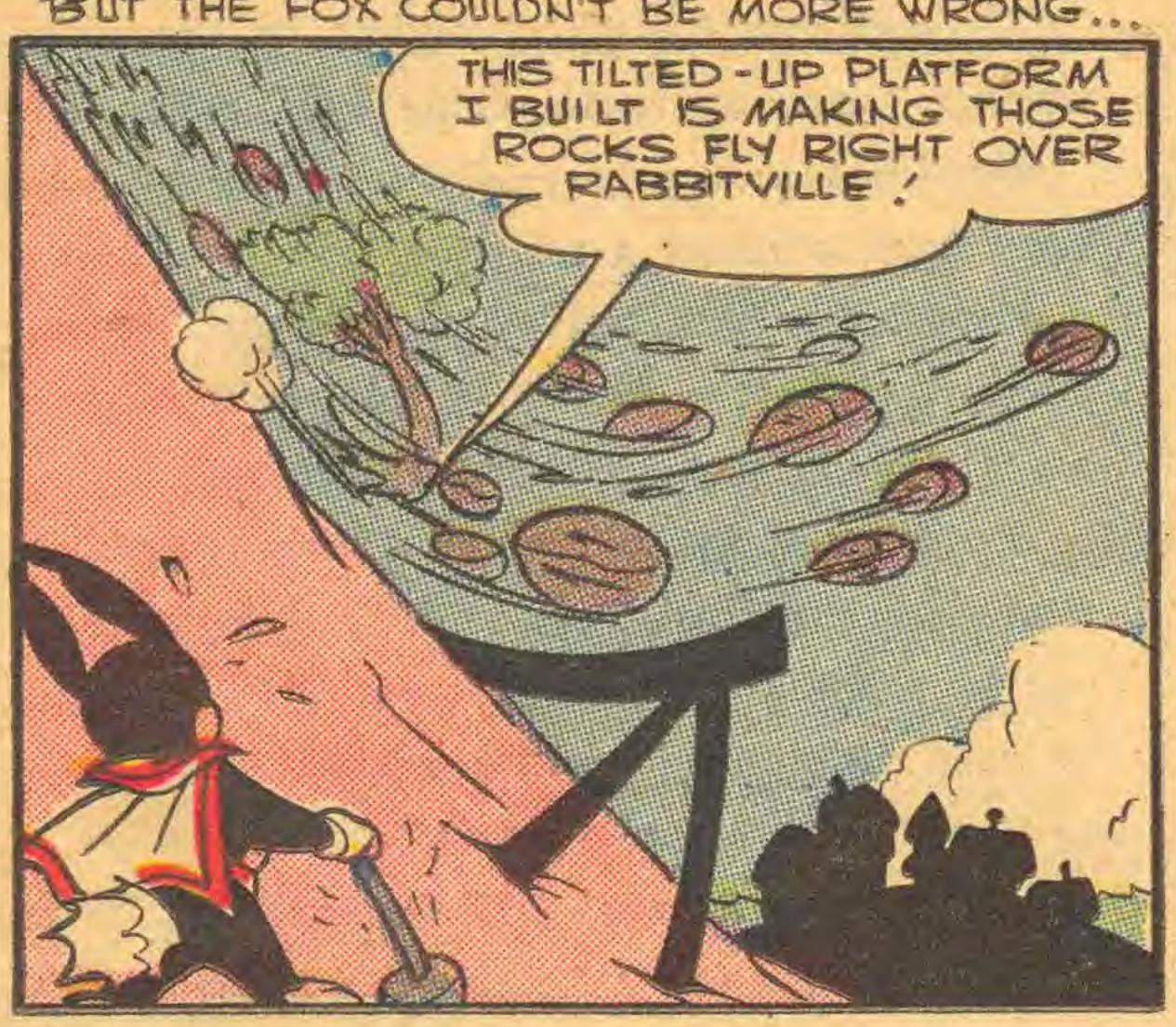


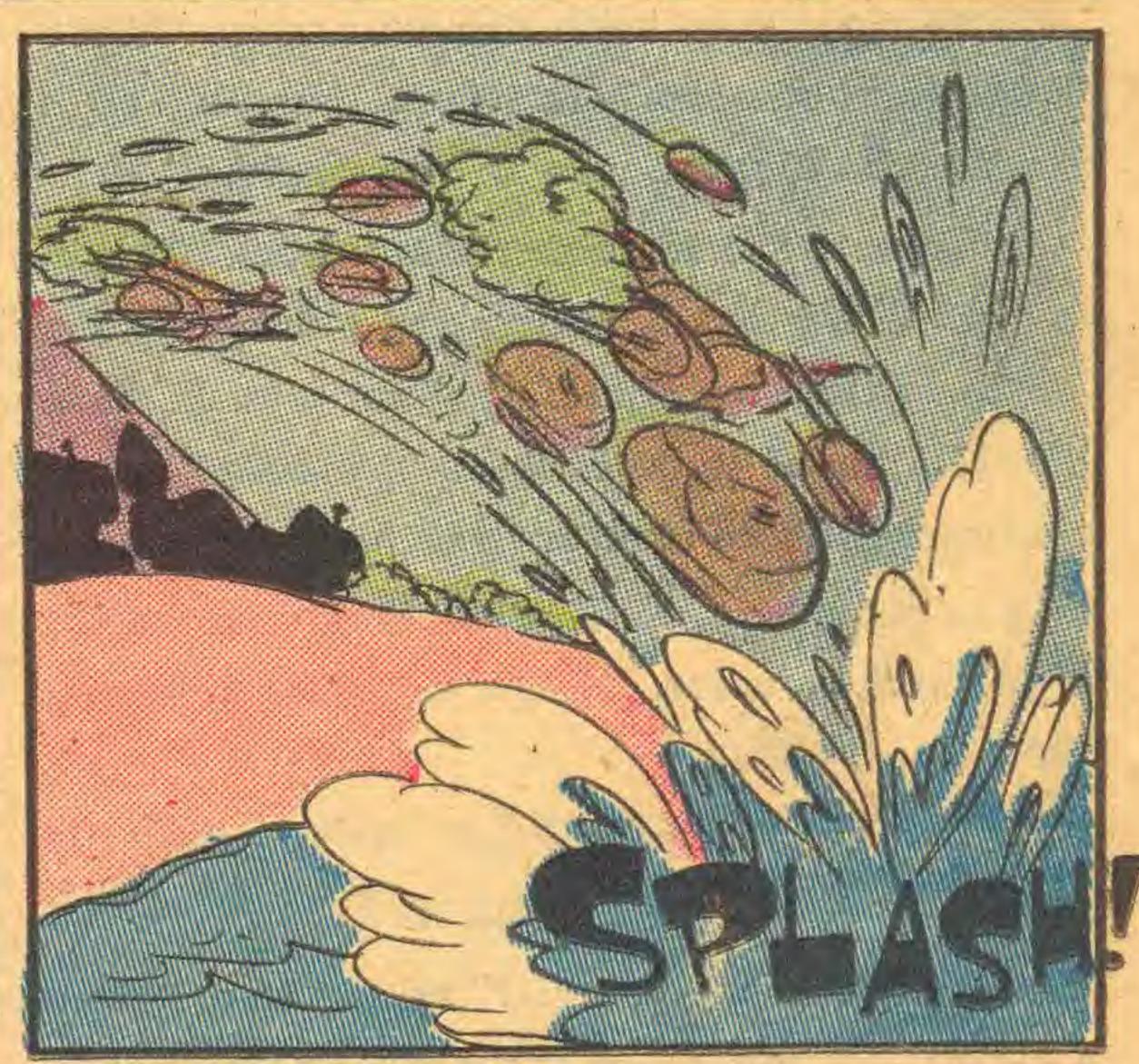


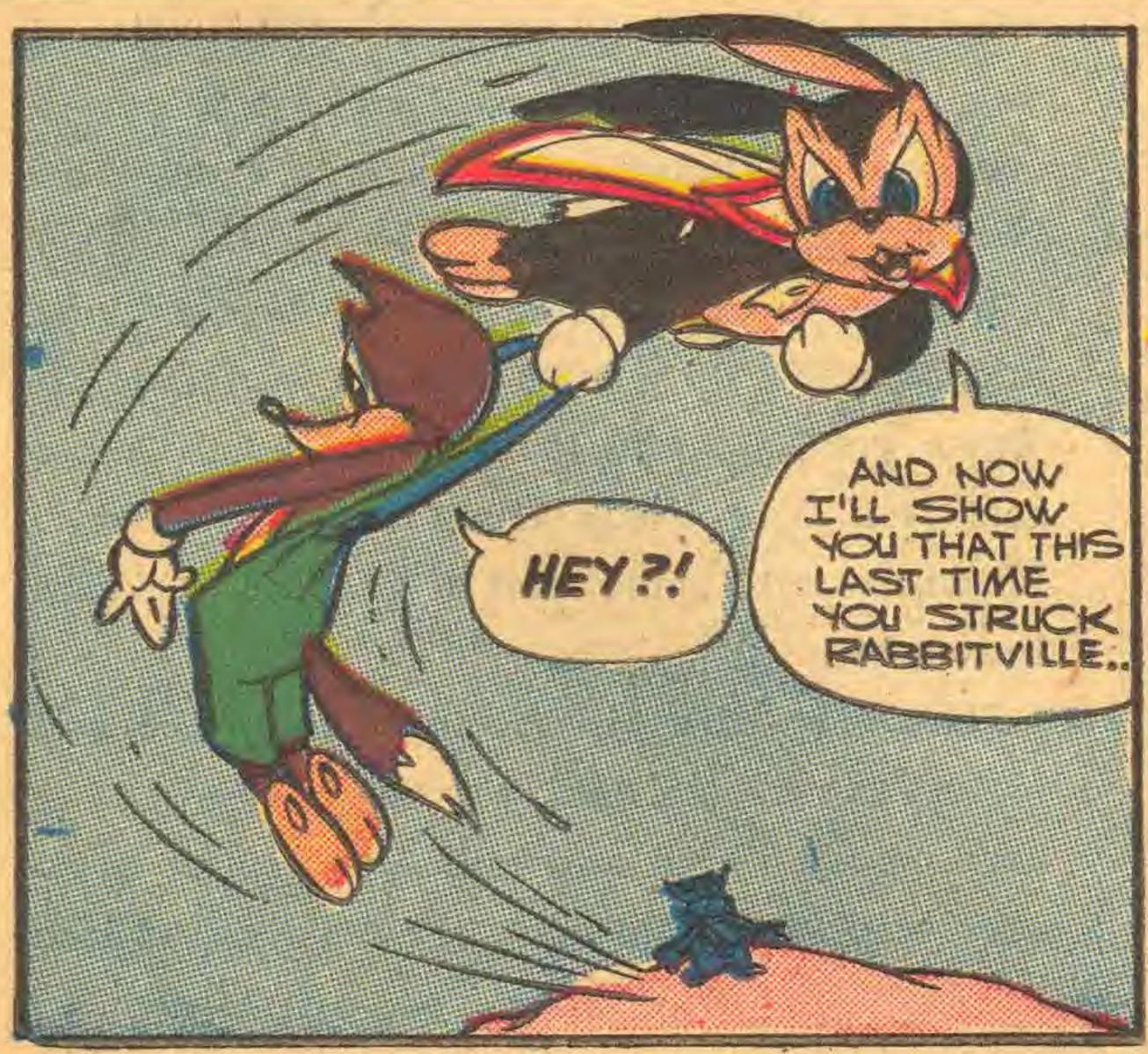


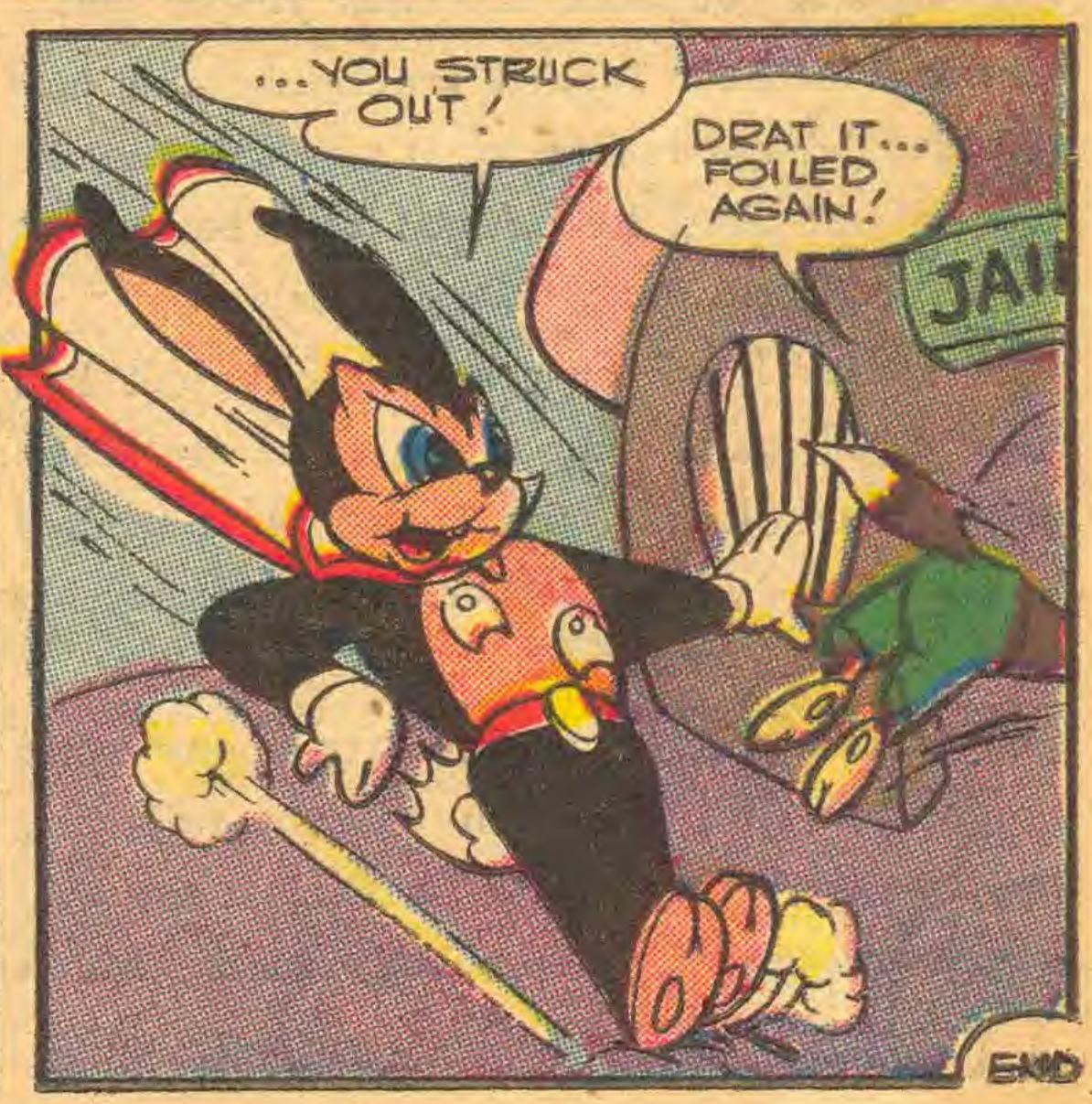












ATOMIC RABBIT TALE OF A CAT

66 OOK at the very funny looking animal!" laughed Tom Cat.

"Ha! Ha!" laughed his twin brother,
Al E. Cat. "It's the funniest looking animal I
have ever seen, but what is it?"

"It must be a phoodle!" exclaimed Tom, between chuckles.

"There's no such thing as a phoodle!" re-

"And there's no such thing as that!" yelled Tom, and both brothers began laughing as if it were the biggest joke in the world.

But poor little Mortimer Manx wasn't laughing at all. He was blushing and almost crying.
He knew they were talking about him. It made
him feel awful to be called a "phoodle." Especially when there is no such thing as a phoodle.

"I'm not a phoodle!" cried Mortimer, in his high pitched voice. "I'm a cat, just like you are!"

Don't fib to us!" yelled Al E. Cat. "If you're a cat, where is your tail?"

"Sure where is your tail?" asked Tom. "Even a rabbit has got more tail than you've got."

Poor Mortimer looked around behind him and blushed some more for it was true that he had no tail. And he noticed that both Tom and Al had fine, long, splendid tails.

Of course, back at home, the subject had never come up. All the members of the Manz family were without tails. It had never seemed to bother Mortimer's father, Mr. Manz, or his mother. Mrs. Manz.

Mank cots are just as fine cats as any other family, but they are born without tails and they don't grow any tails. That's just the way nature arranged it, and nobody in the Manx

family gives it a second thought.

But Mortimer had left his family home and had come to the city to make his fortune. And now he was aware for the first time that he was different from some other cats.

"I don't care what you say!" yelled Mortimer, forcing back his tears. "I am a cat and not a rabbit or anything else."

"What did you do, get your tail caught in a lawn mower?" asked Tom.

"Or did you have it hanging in the river when a snapping turtle came by?" asked Al.

Mortimer patiently explained that he had been born without a tail and that it was the custom in his family. He also said that he was a stranger in the city and that he'd like to make friends, especially with Tom and Al.

Tom started whispering to Al and they both chuckled, and then Tom said, "All right. You can be friends with us. But we don't want to be seen chumming around with a phoodle—so you'll have to have a tail."

"But we can fix that up," declared Al. "Our uncle is Omar the Wigmaker, and he makes wigs for all the bald cats and if we tell him you are our friend, he will make a false tail for you and nobody but us will even know that it's false."

So the three of them visited Uncle Omar and he made up a false tail for Mortimer. It was a good job and looked very much like a real tail. And Uncle Omar fastened it onto Mortimer with some kind of glue and it didn't hurt a bit.

Mortimer stood in front of a mirror and looked at the tail and was mighty proud. It sure looked like a real tail. And he felt fit to associate with Tom and Al who slapped him

on the back and complimented him and said, "It sure makes you handsome!" They winked at each other, but Mortimer didn't know why they were winking.

Mortimer left the wigmaker's shop, walking proudly. He saw people staring at him and thought, "Ah-ha! They are all admiring my new, wonderful tail."

Then everybody began whooping and yelling and snickering and guffawing. They were pointing at Mortimer and saying, "Look at Droopy Tail!" And, "Look what the cat's dragging in!" Some of them made catcalls.

Poor Mortimer began to run, looking for a place to hide, to get away from his tormenters. But the long tail dragged and bounced on the ground and was like an anchor to him. He couldn't run fast at all. For Tom and Al had secretly filled the false tail with lead!

He ducked into a dark alley to try to get away from the mob of tormenters. Tom and Al, the jokers, were close behind him.

Now, although the kittens didn't know it, this was a very unfortunate alley for them to enter. Ratnose the Rodent, a nasty gangster, had set a row of three rat traps across the alley. He had them set so they would catch a cat's tail.

As Mortimer ran through the dark passage he heard a sharp snap and was thrown to the ground. Seconds later he heard two more snaps and great cries of pain. The other traps had caught Tom and Al, and stung them, too, because their tails were real.

Tom and Al started yelling for help, but none of the other eats that had been laughing at the fake tail would come to help them because they were all deadly afraid of Ratnose the Rodent.

"Coccob, we are goners!" moaned Tom.
"Ratnose will get us sure!"

"Occook, he will get all three of us!" wailed

Al. "If I had my nine lives to live over, I'd be a better cat!"

Mortimer wasn't saying anything. He was busy. He got out his pocket knife, flipped open the sharpest blade, and cut off his tail. Since it was a false tail, it didn't hurt him when he cut it. Then he stepped quietly out of the alley. It was several seconds before Tom and Al realized he was gone.

Al noticed first, exclaiming, "Look, Mortimer's gone. Do you think he'll bring help?"

"Huh?" said Tom. "No, of course not! He's undoubtedly glad we're in a jam. We laughed at him and caused him lots of trouble. Now's his chance to get even. Do you blame him?"

"No, you're right," said Al. "I don't blame him if he hates us."

A shiver went through them as they heard a very nasty voice snarling, "Ho! I have caught two fine cats in my rat traps. Heh-heh!" They recognized the voice as that of Ratnose the gangster.

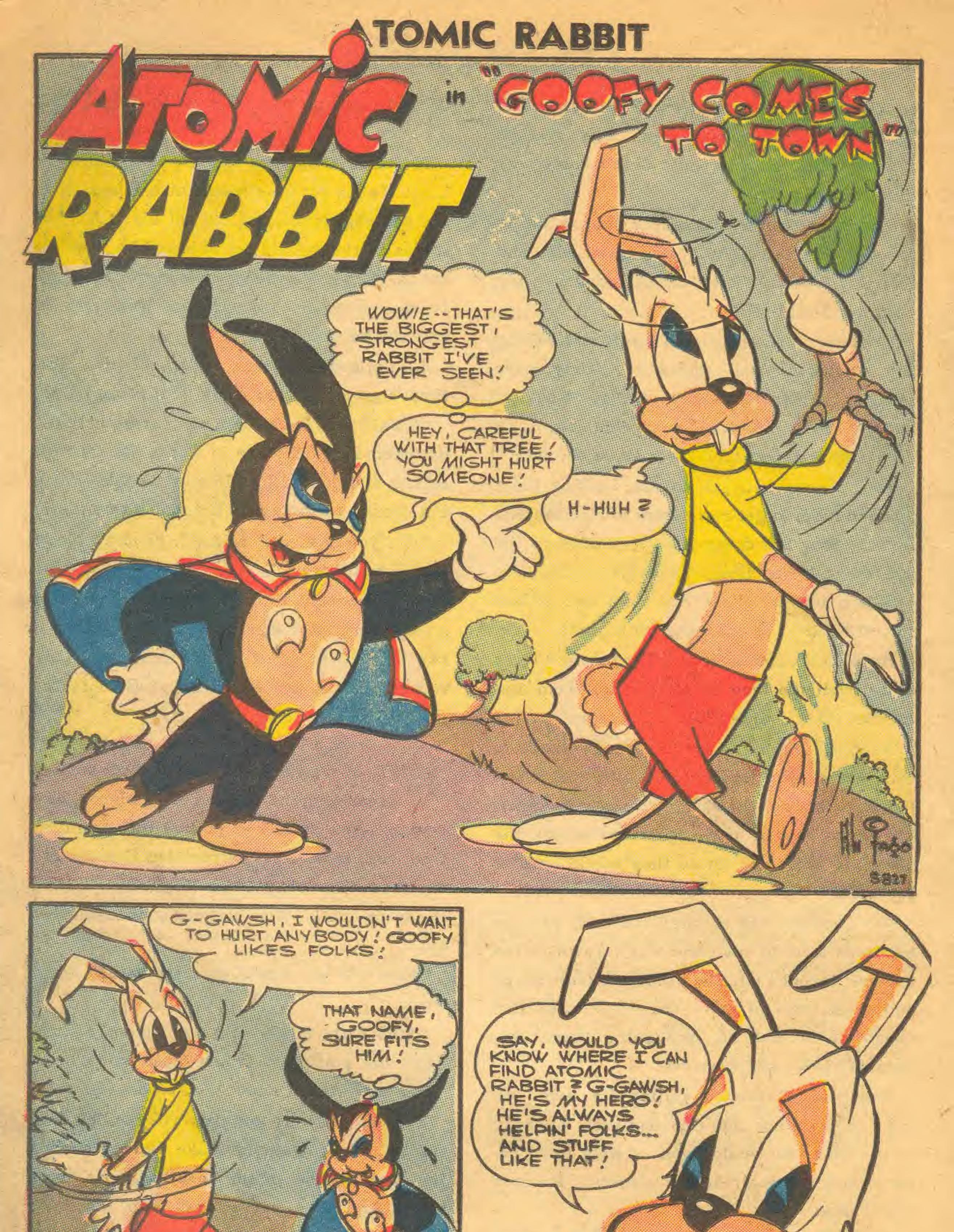
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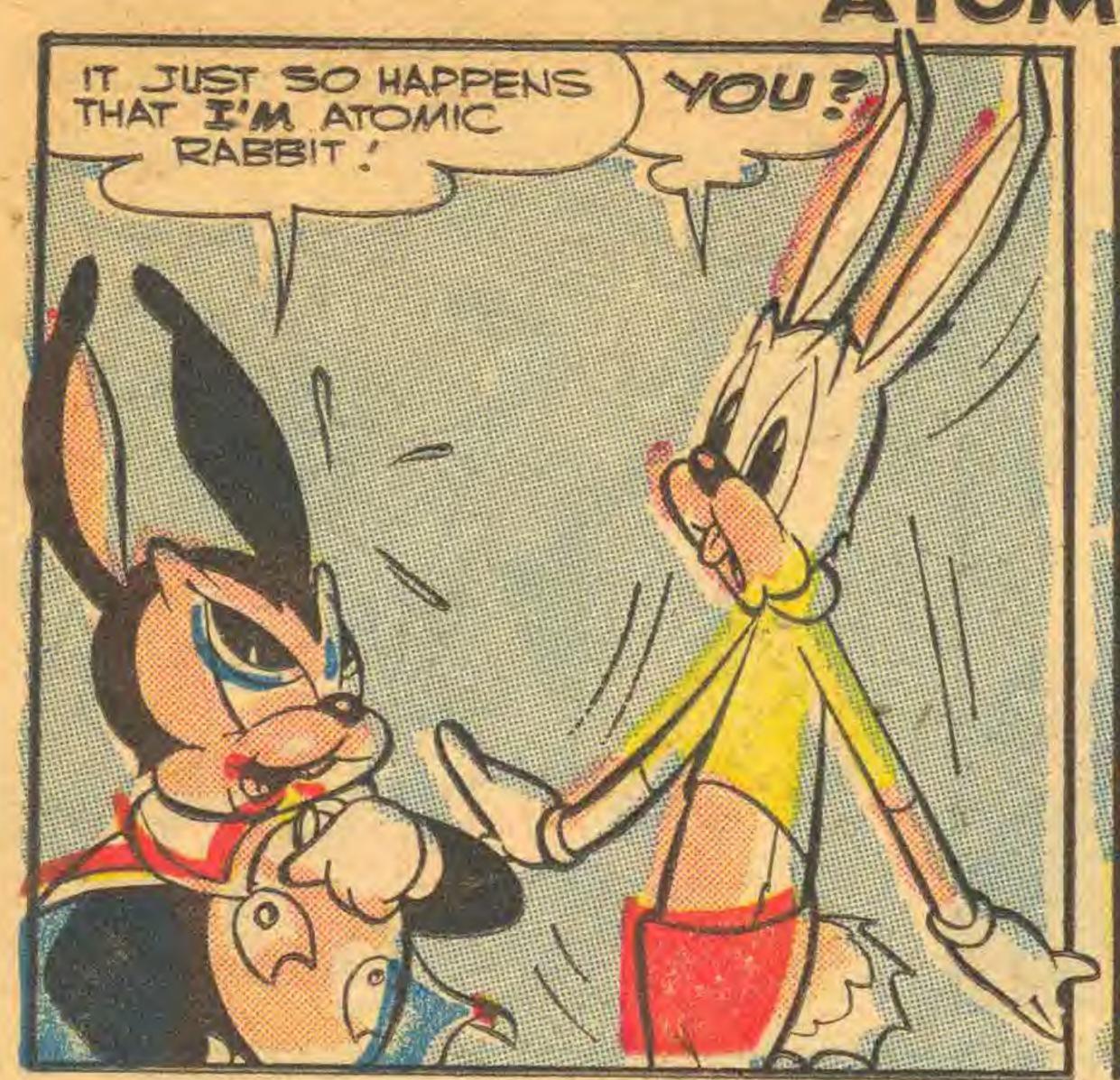
"How did you know we were here?" asked Tom.

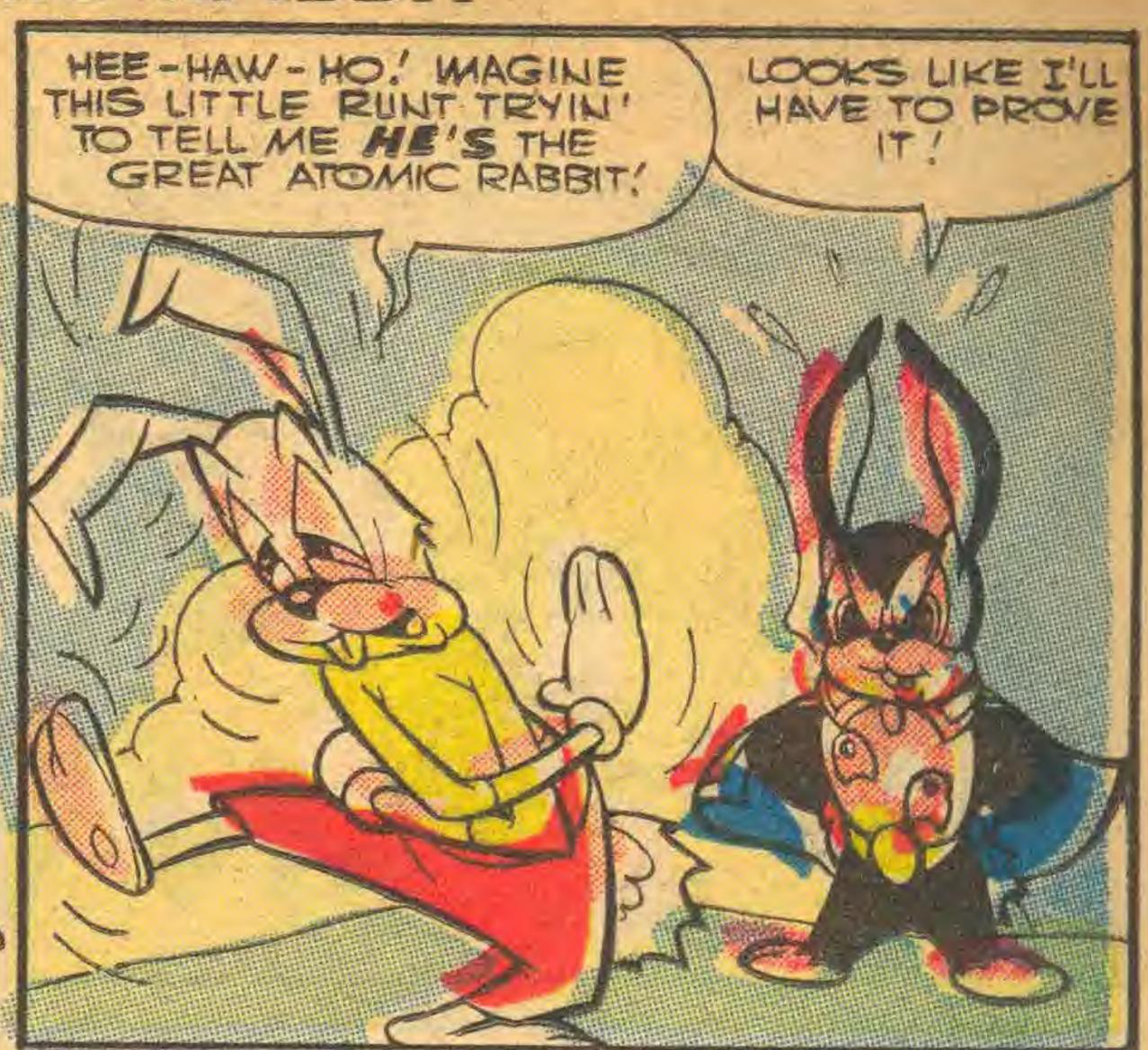
"This little fellow told us," said the Commissioner, patting Mortimer Manz on the head. "You boys should thank him. He's a real palf"

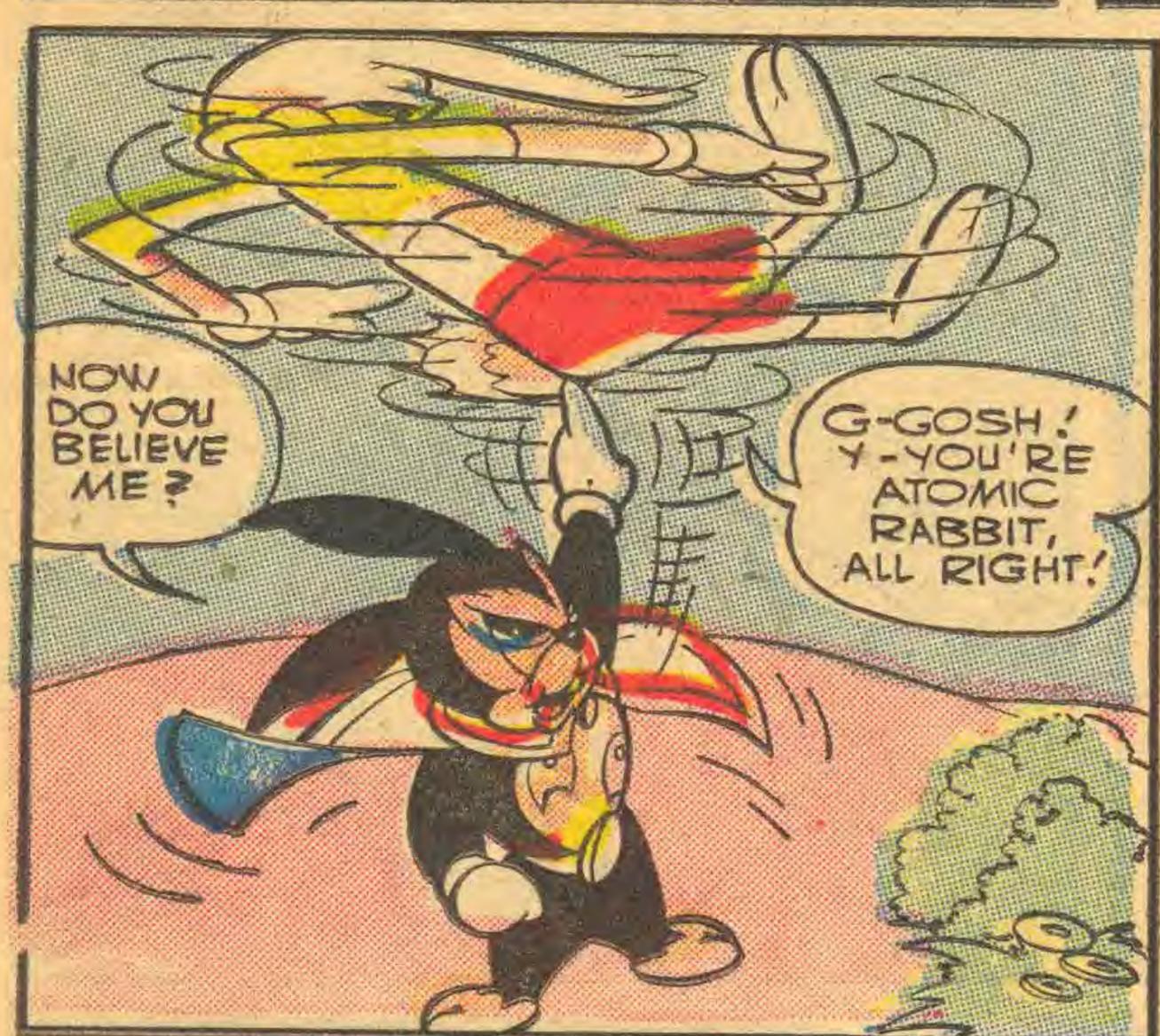
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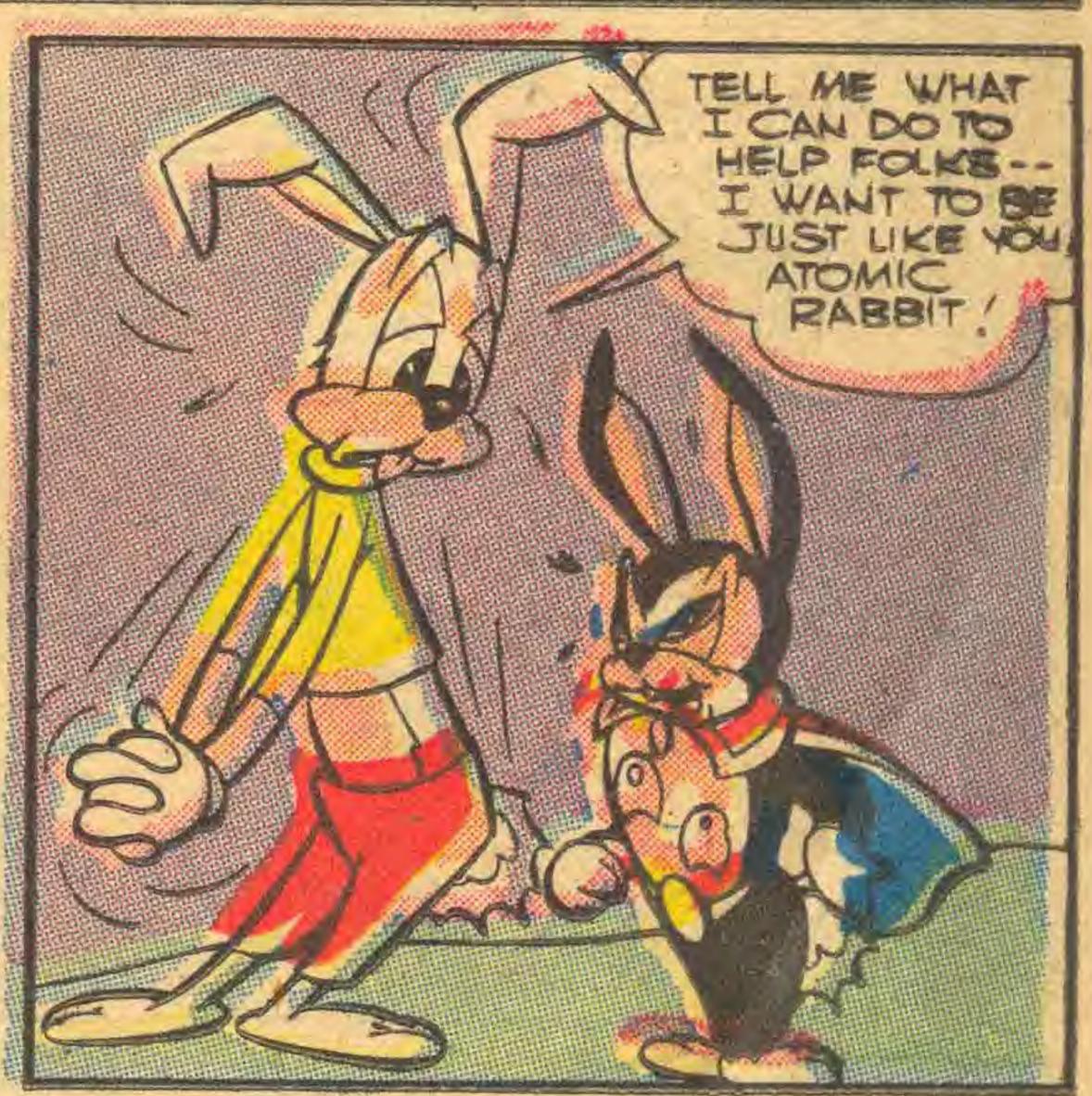
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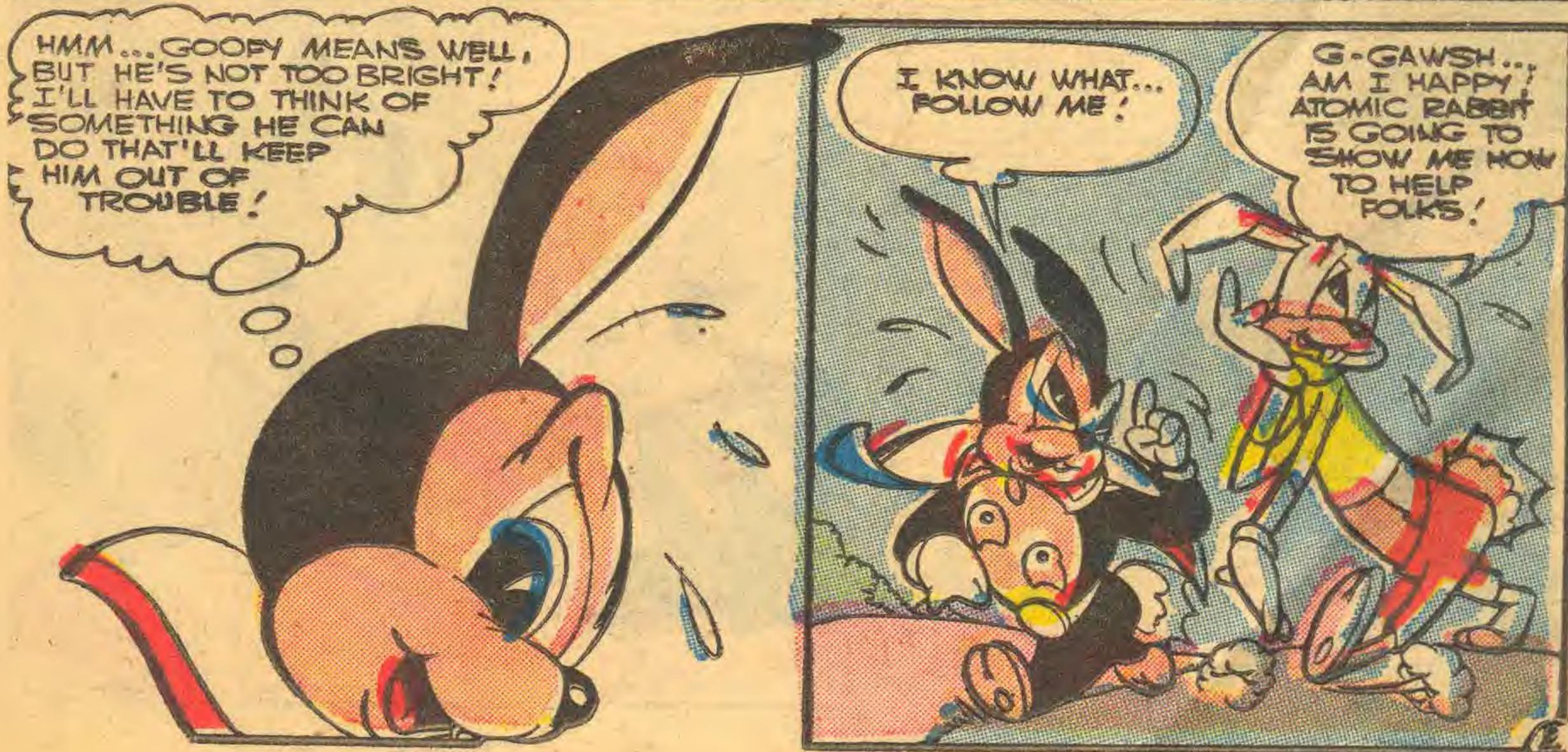


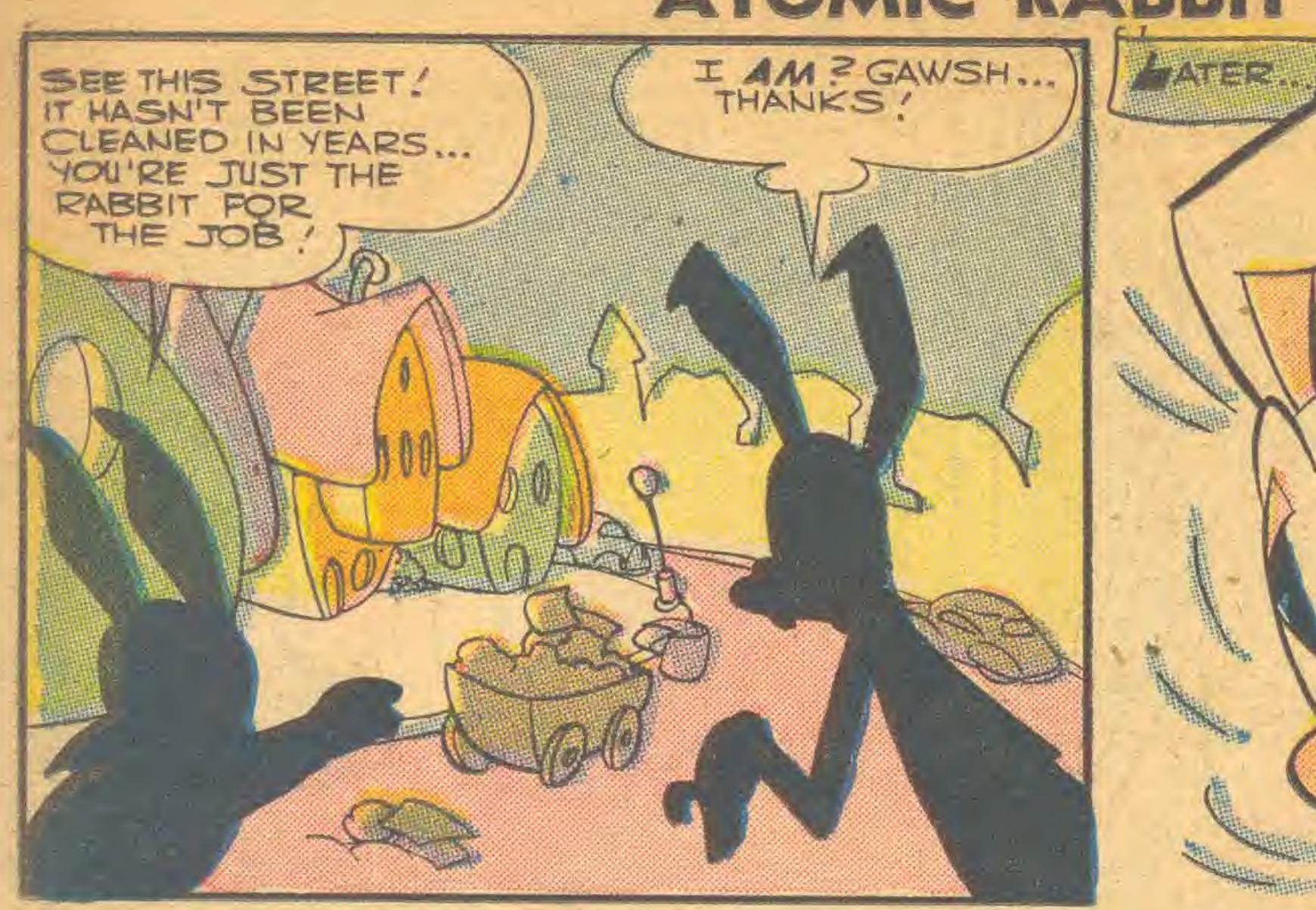




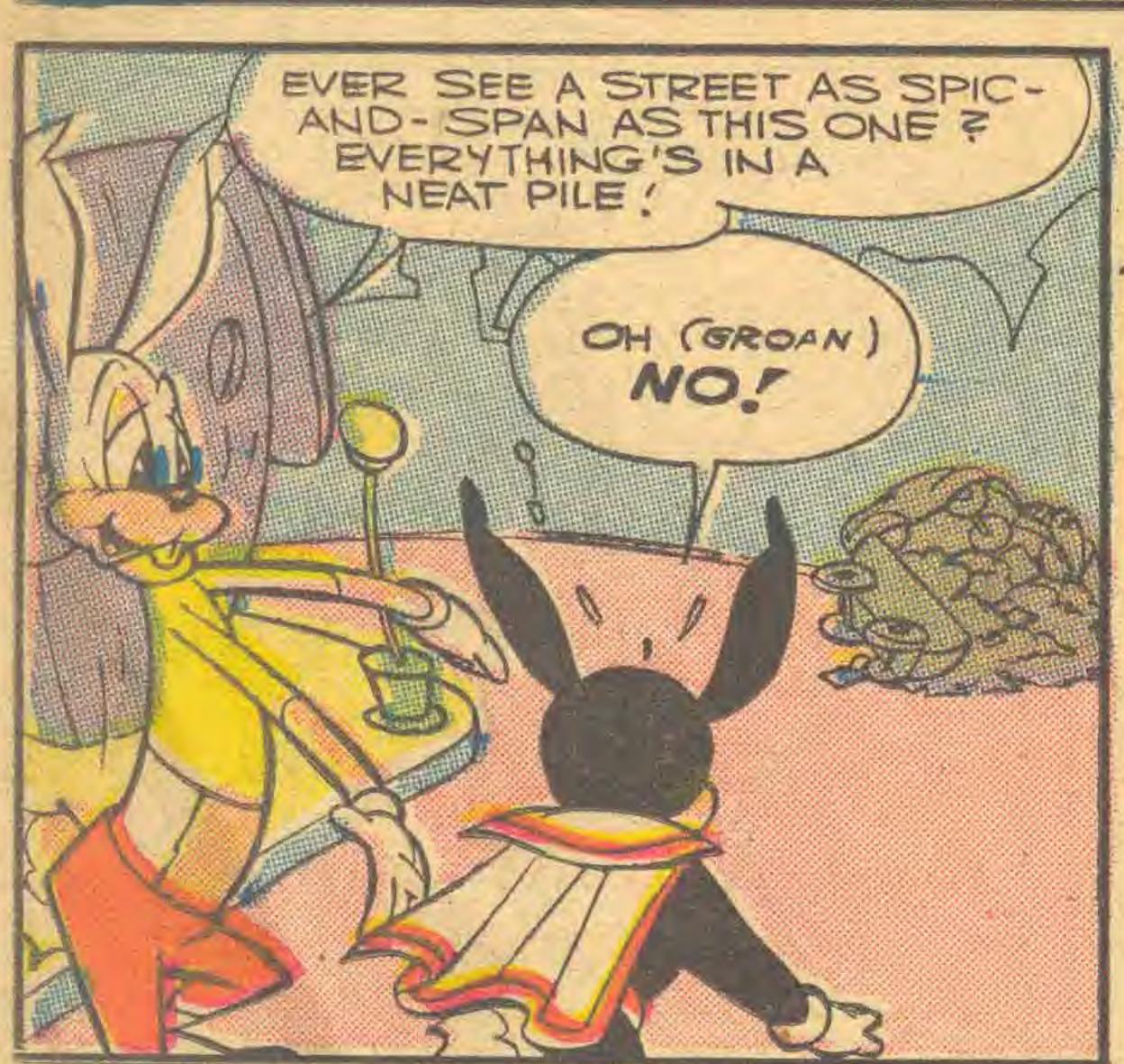


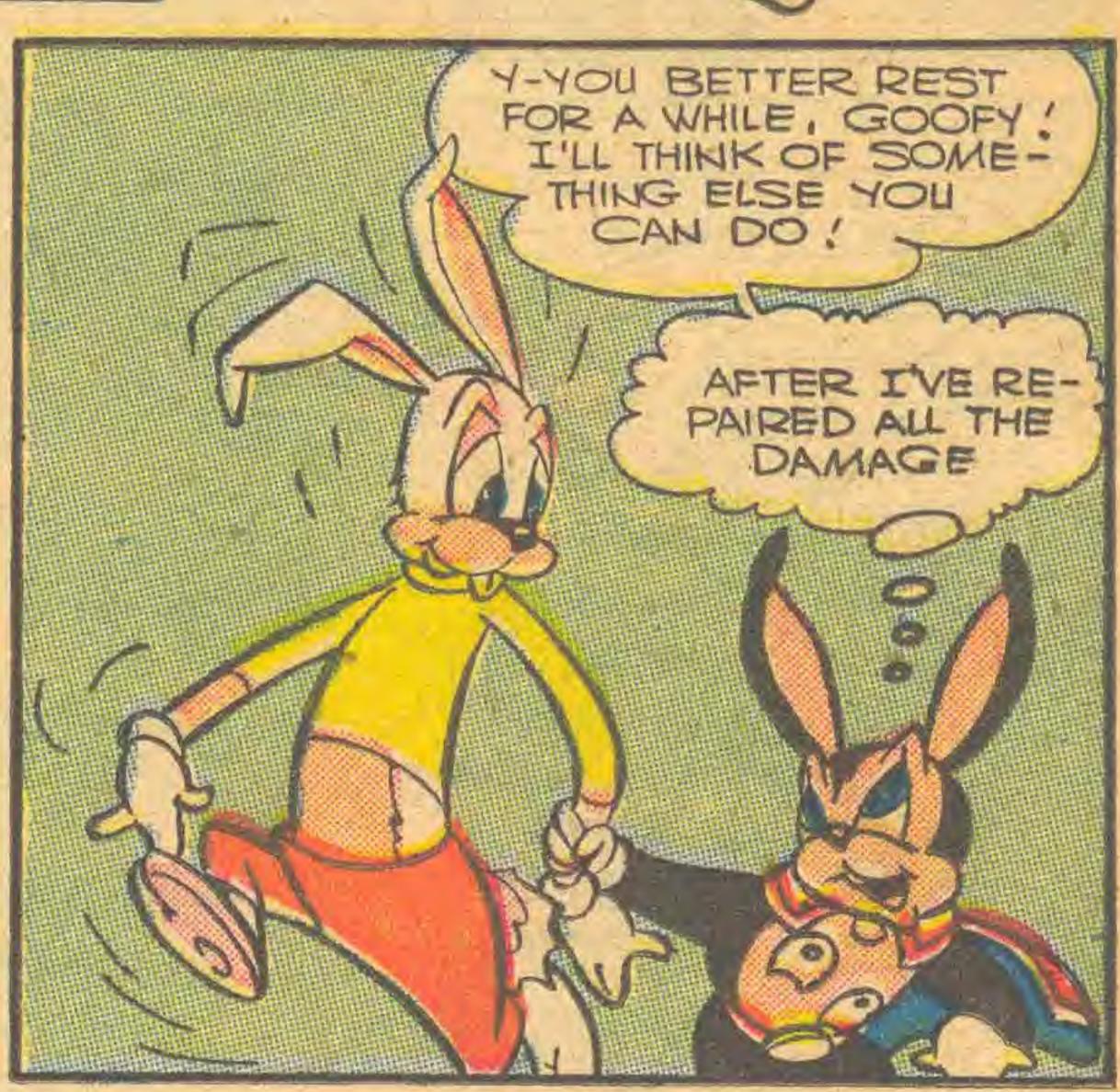




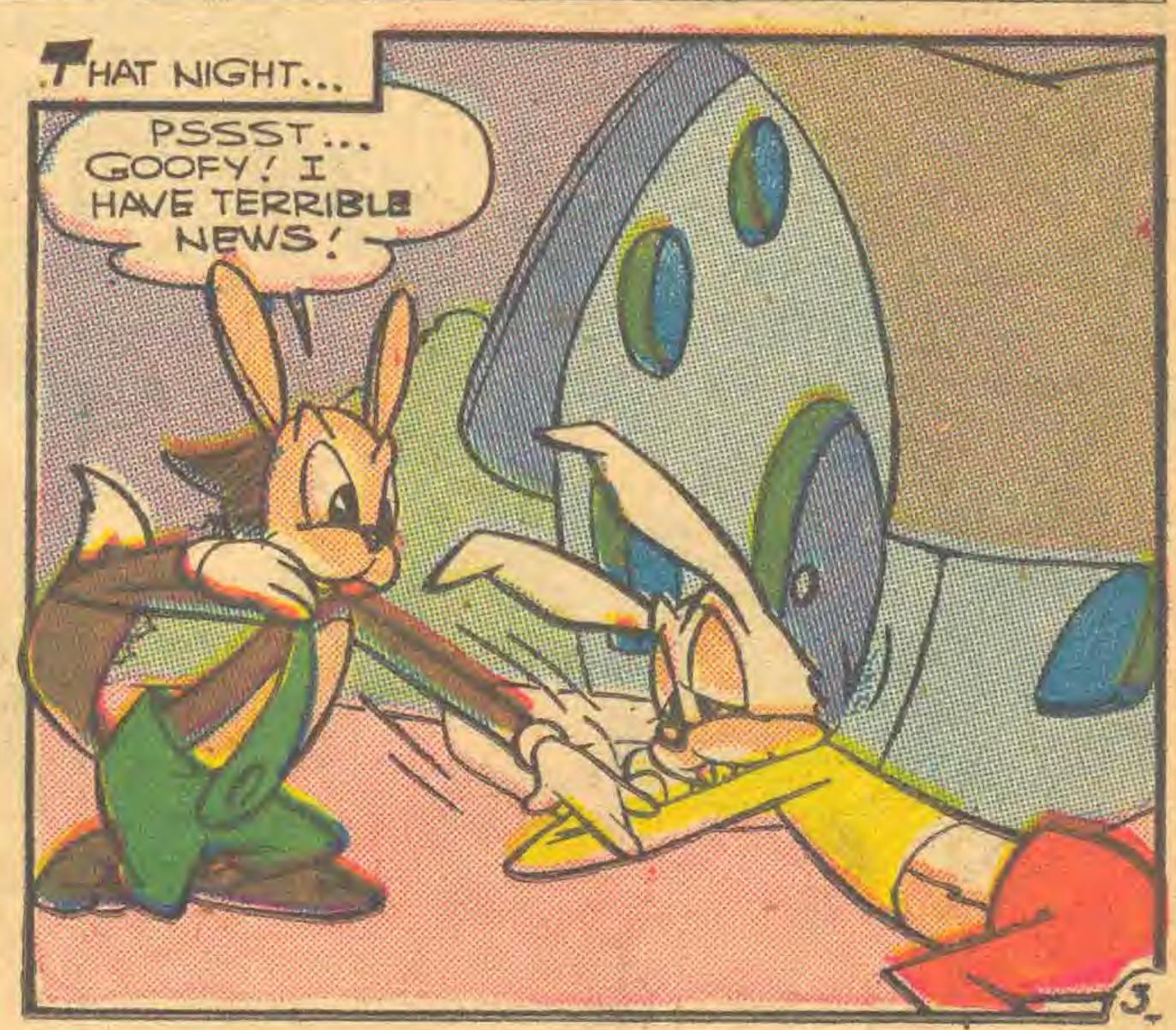


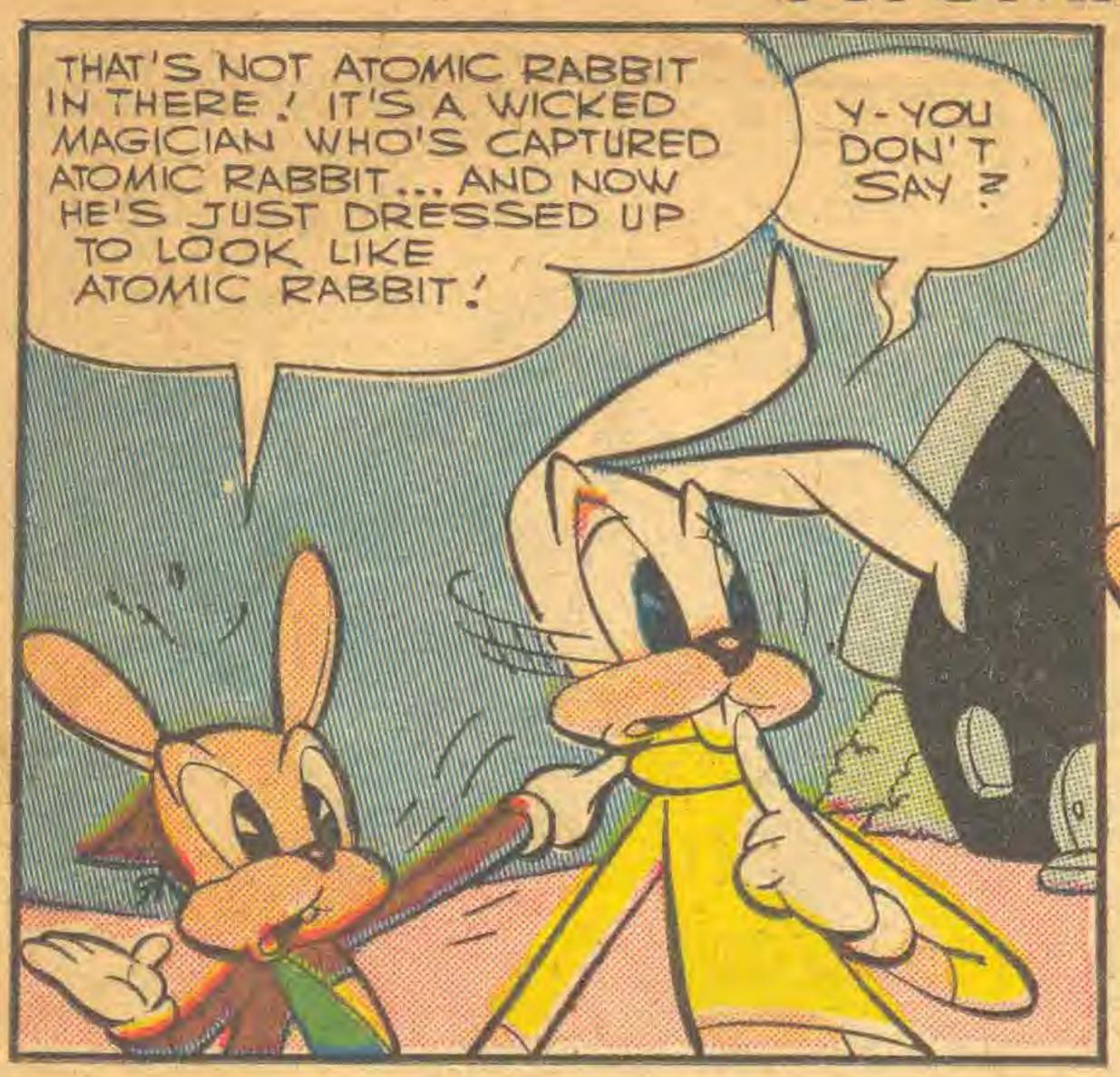


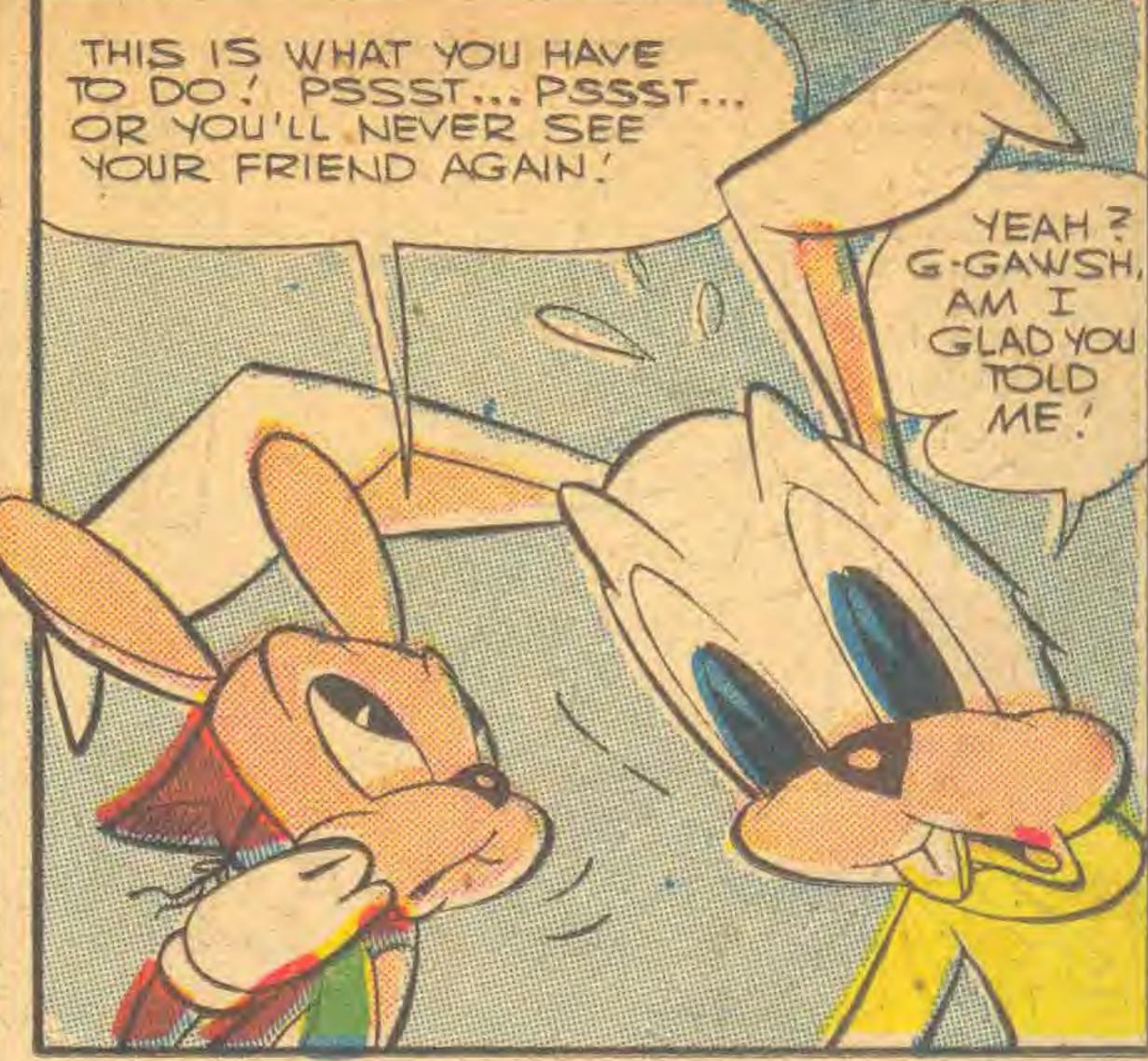










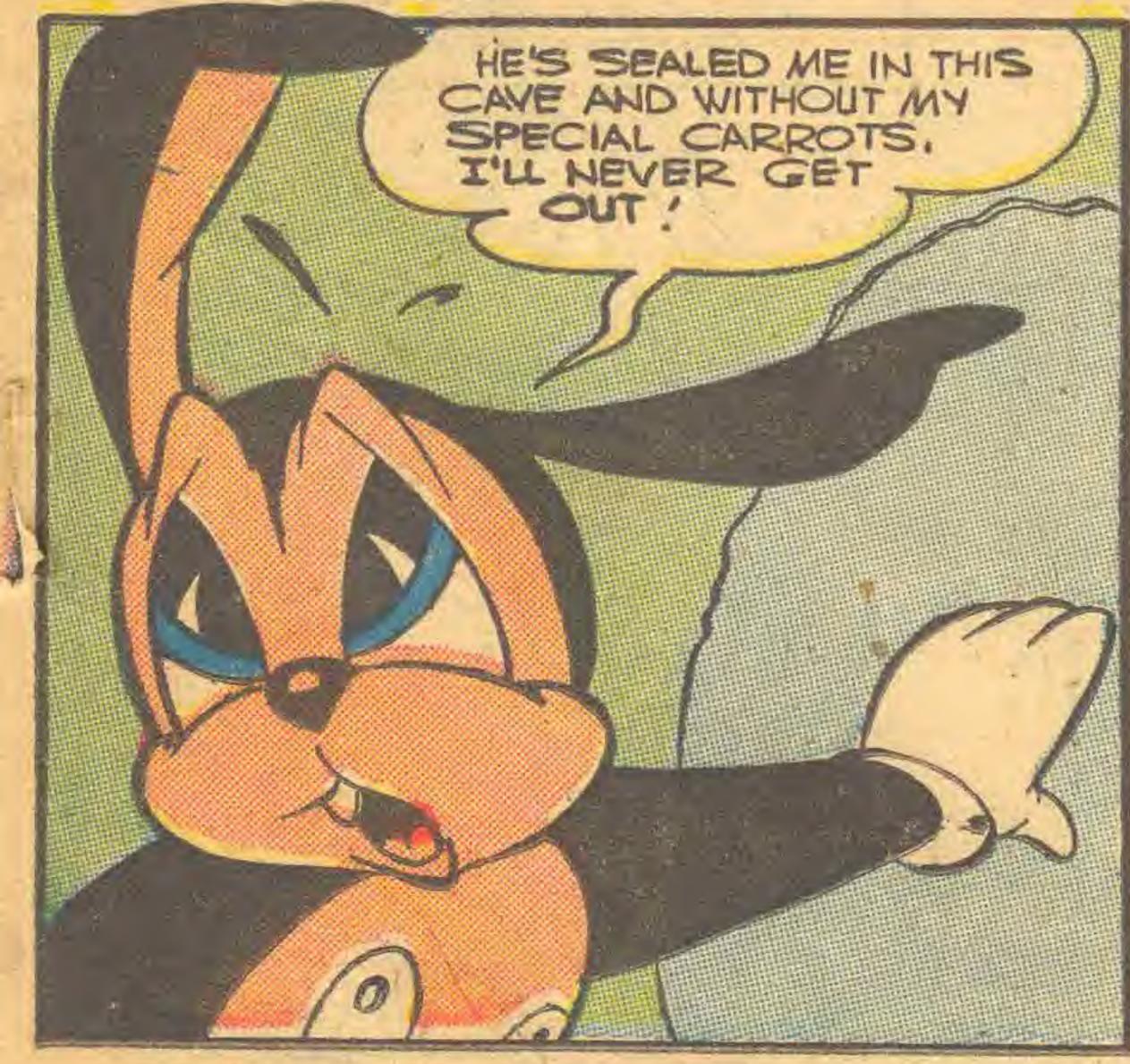


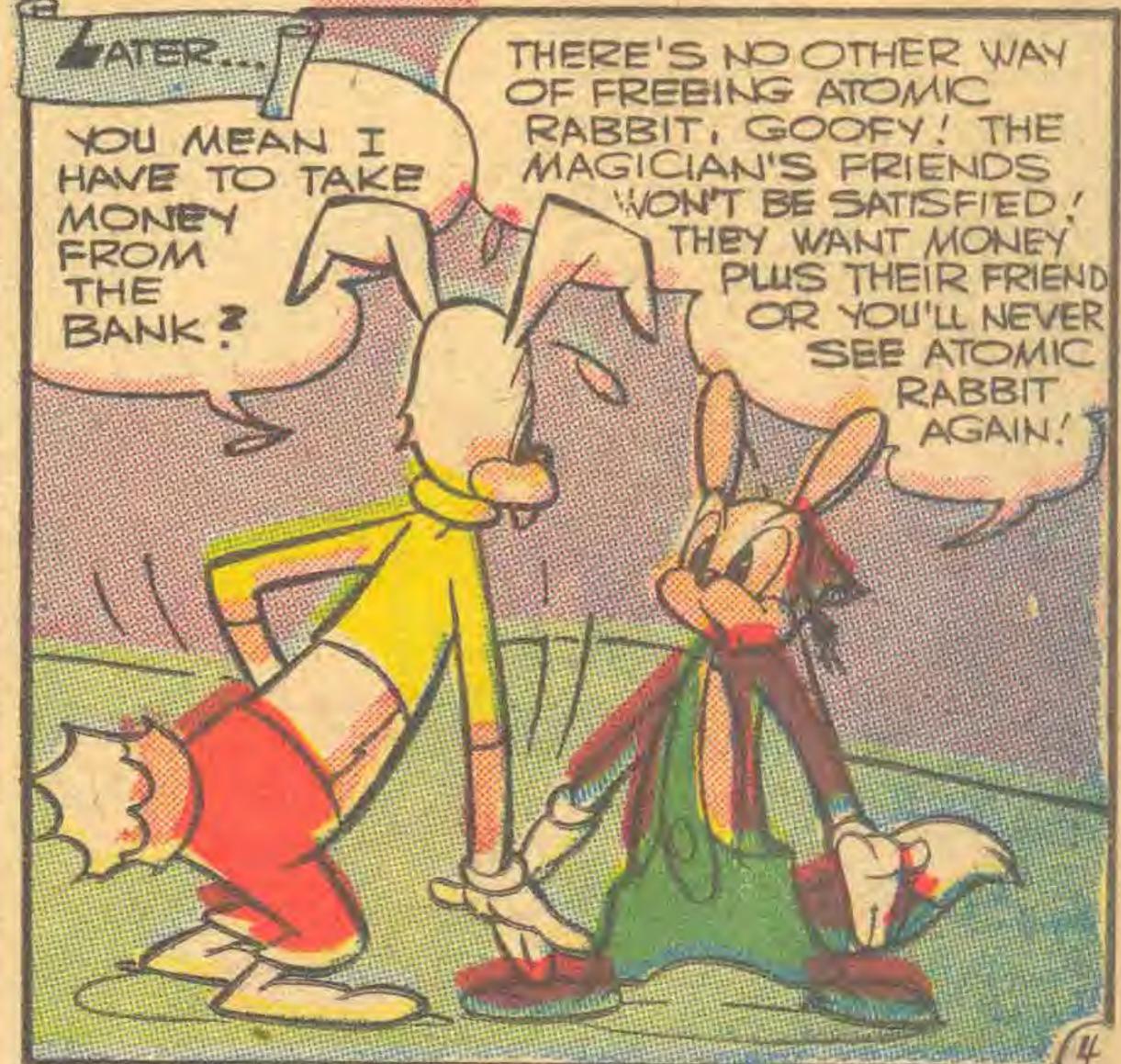
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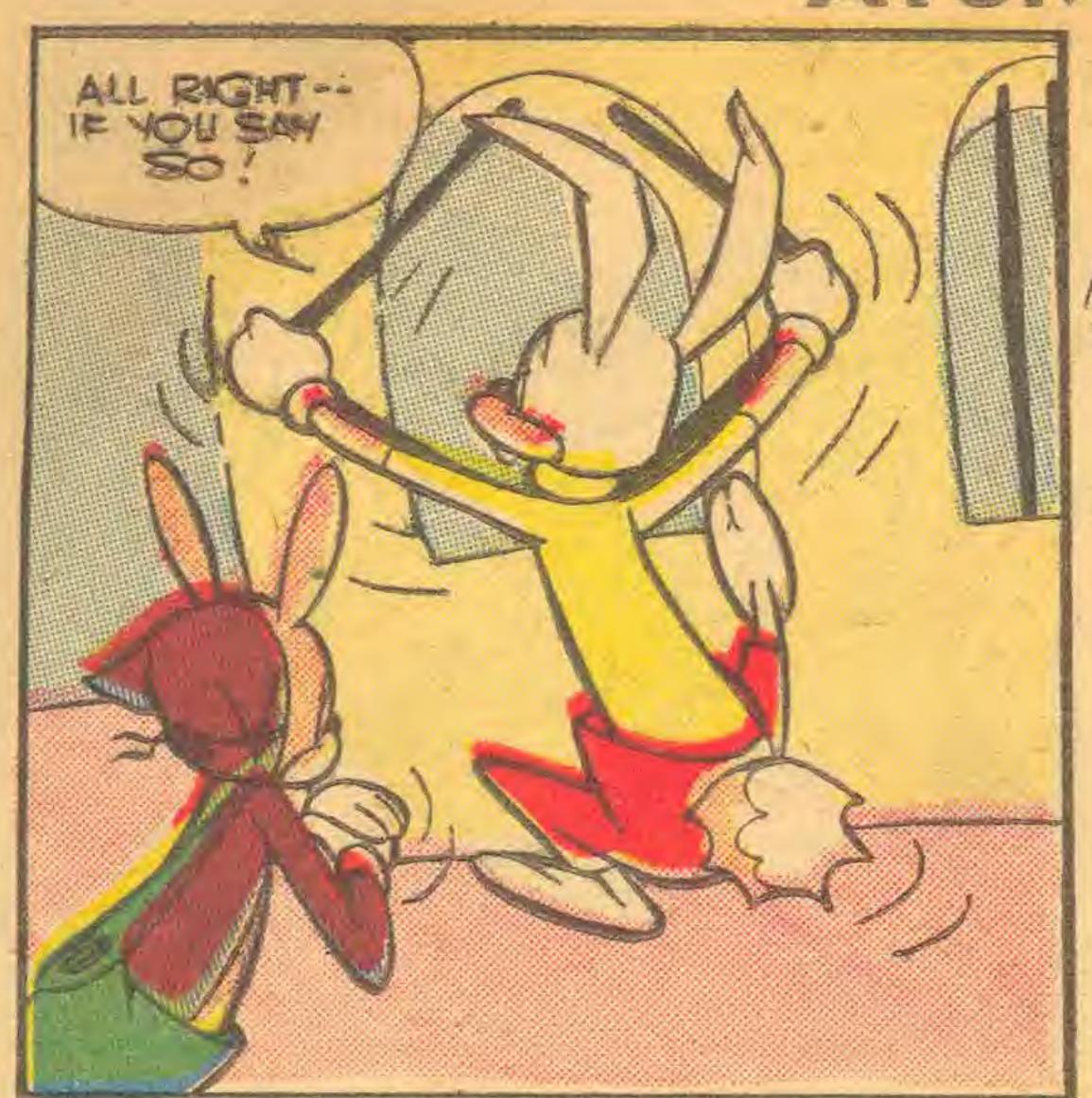


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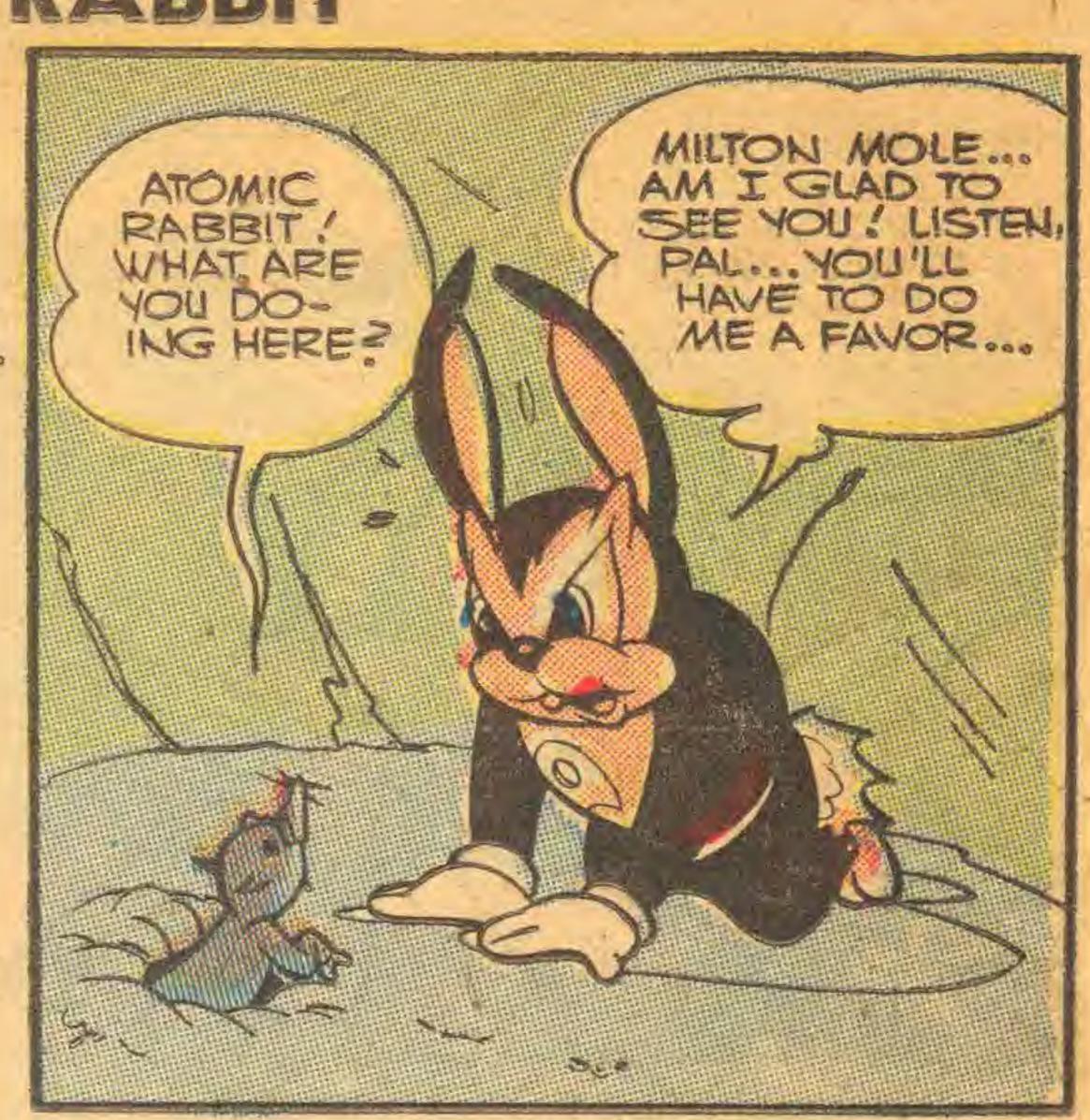




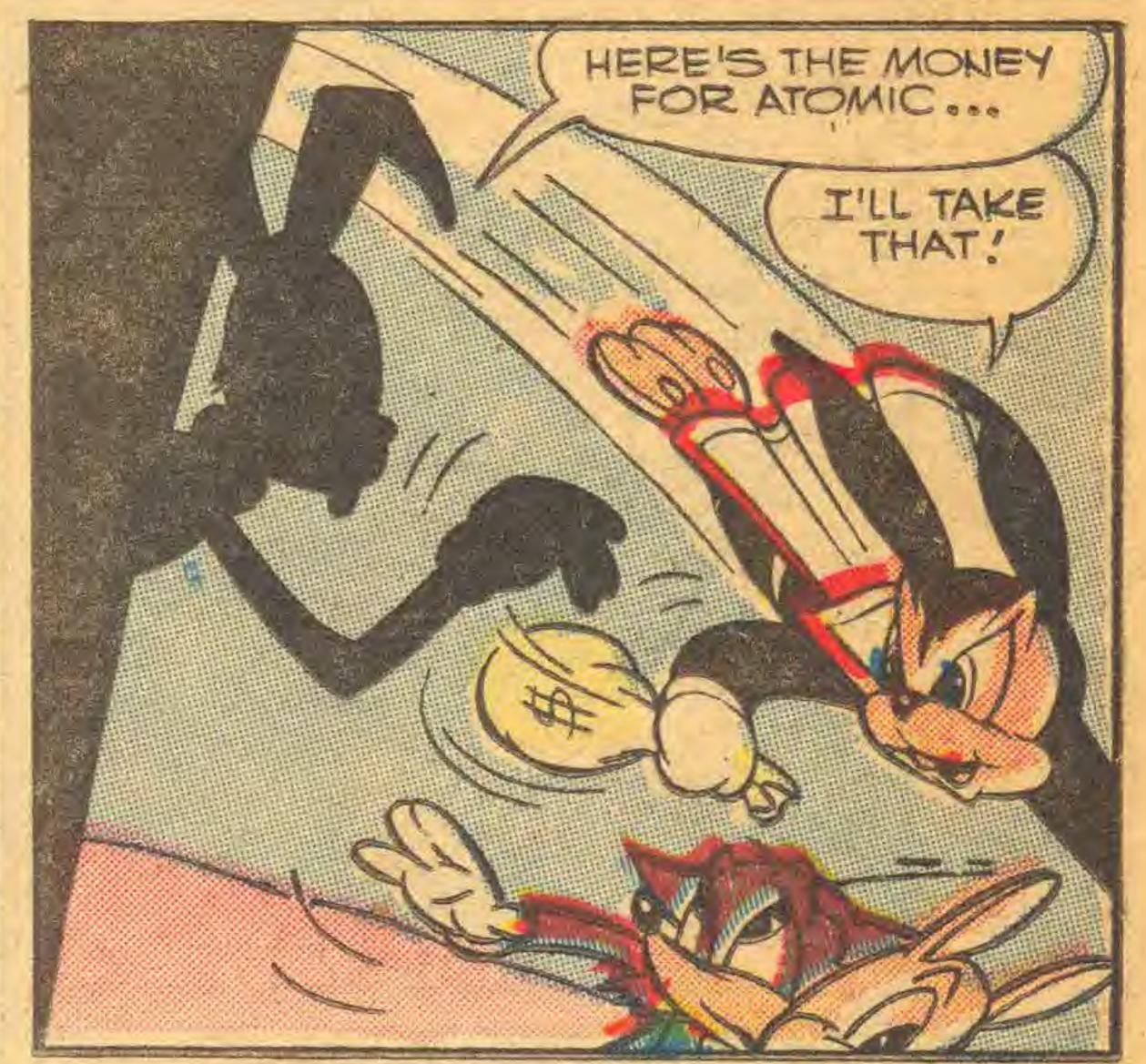


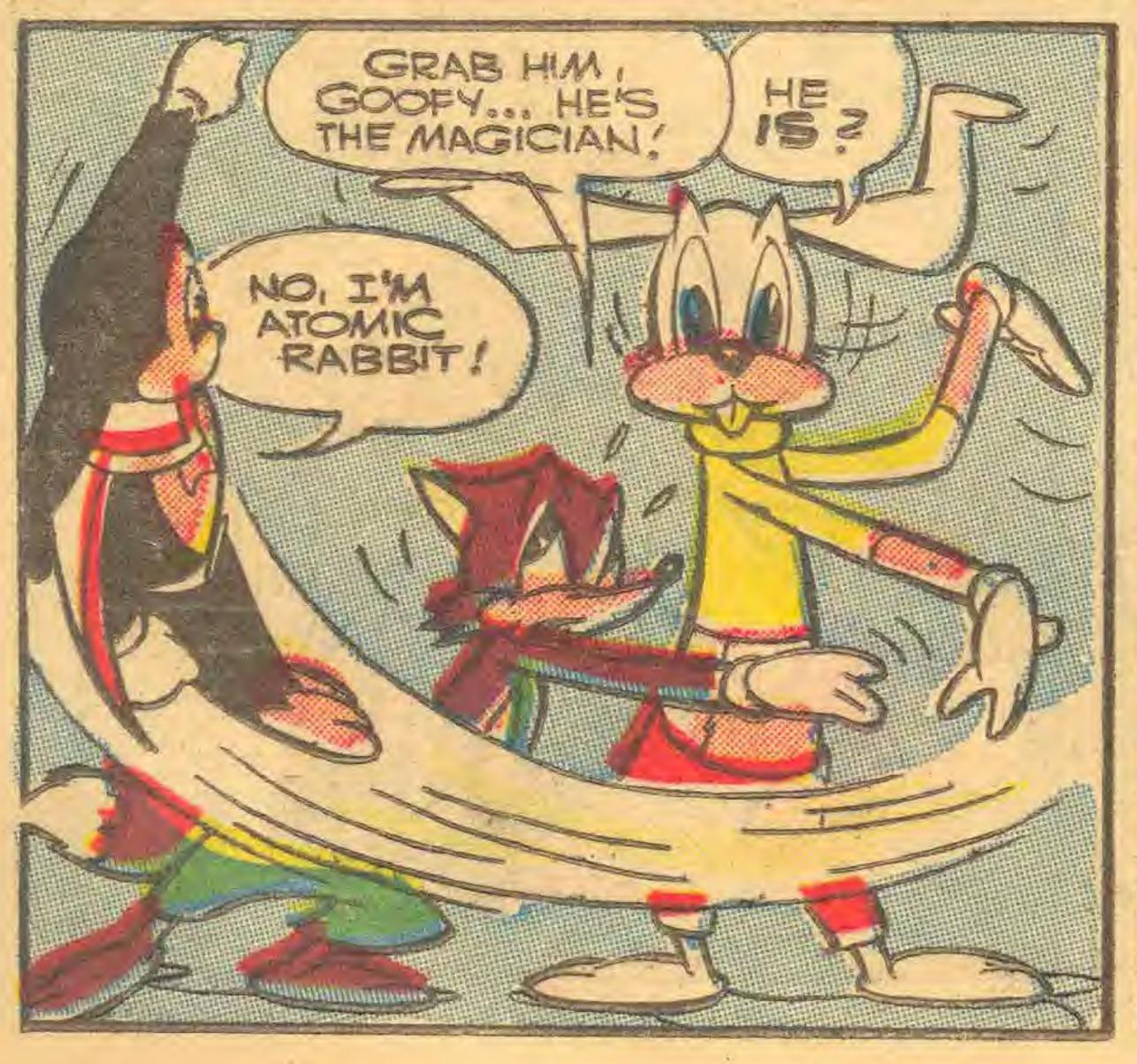


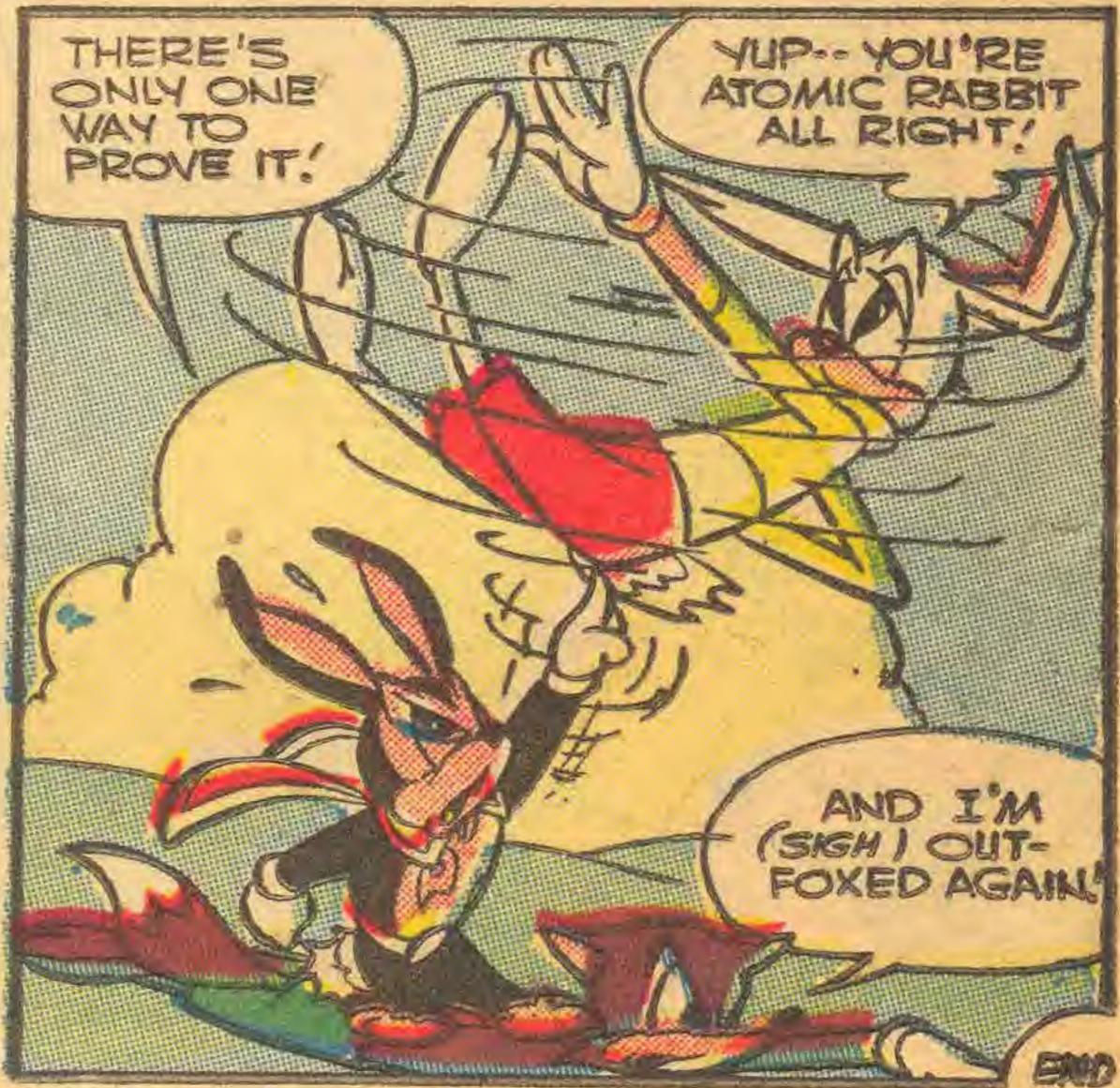
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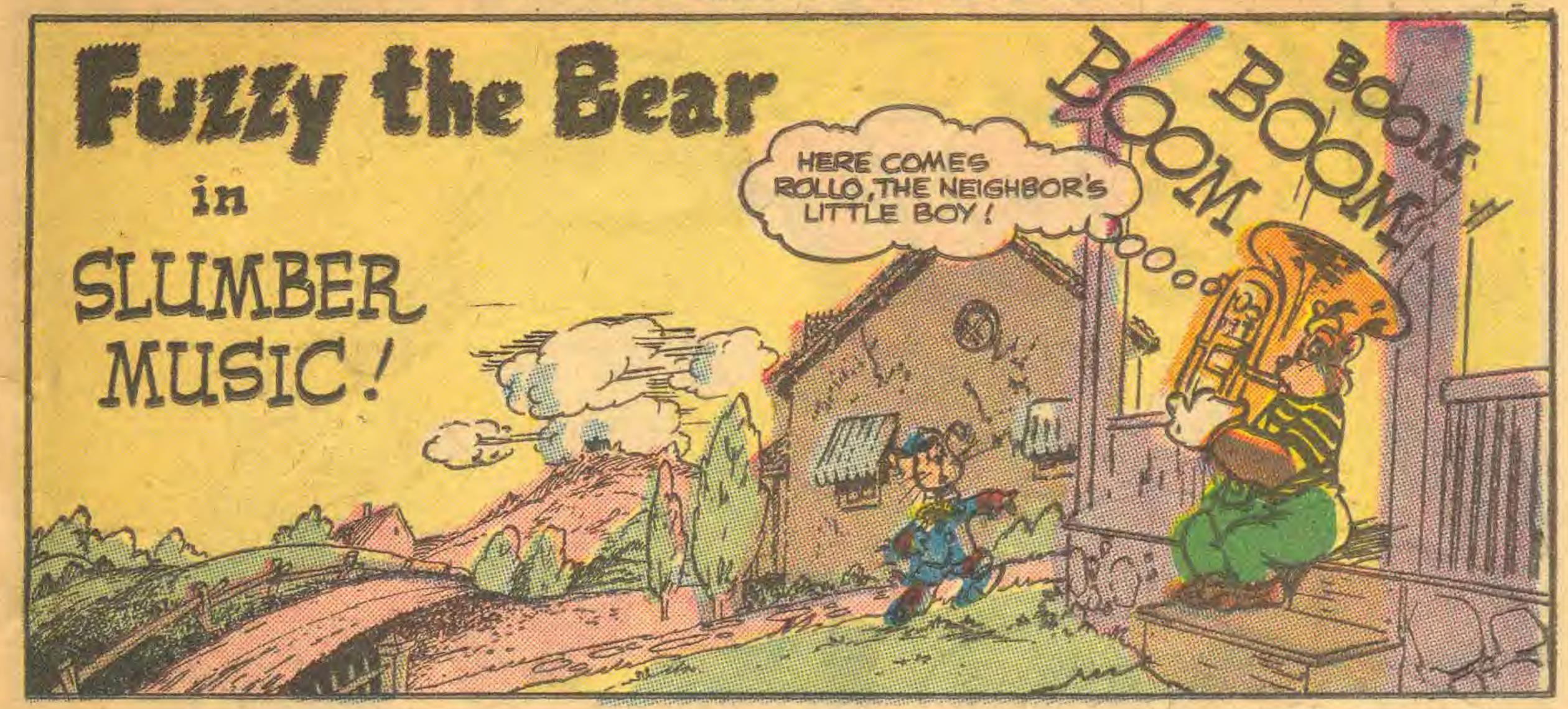


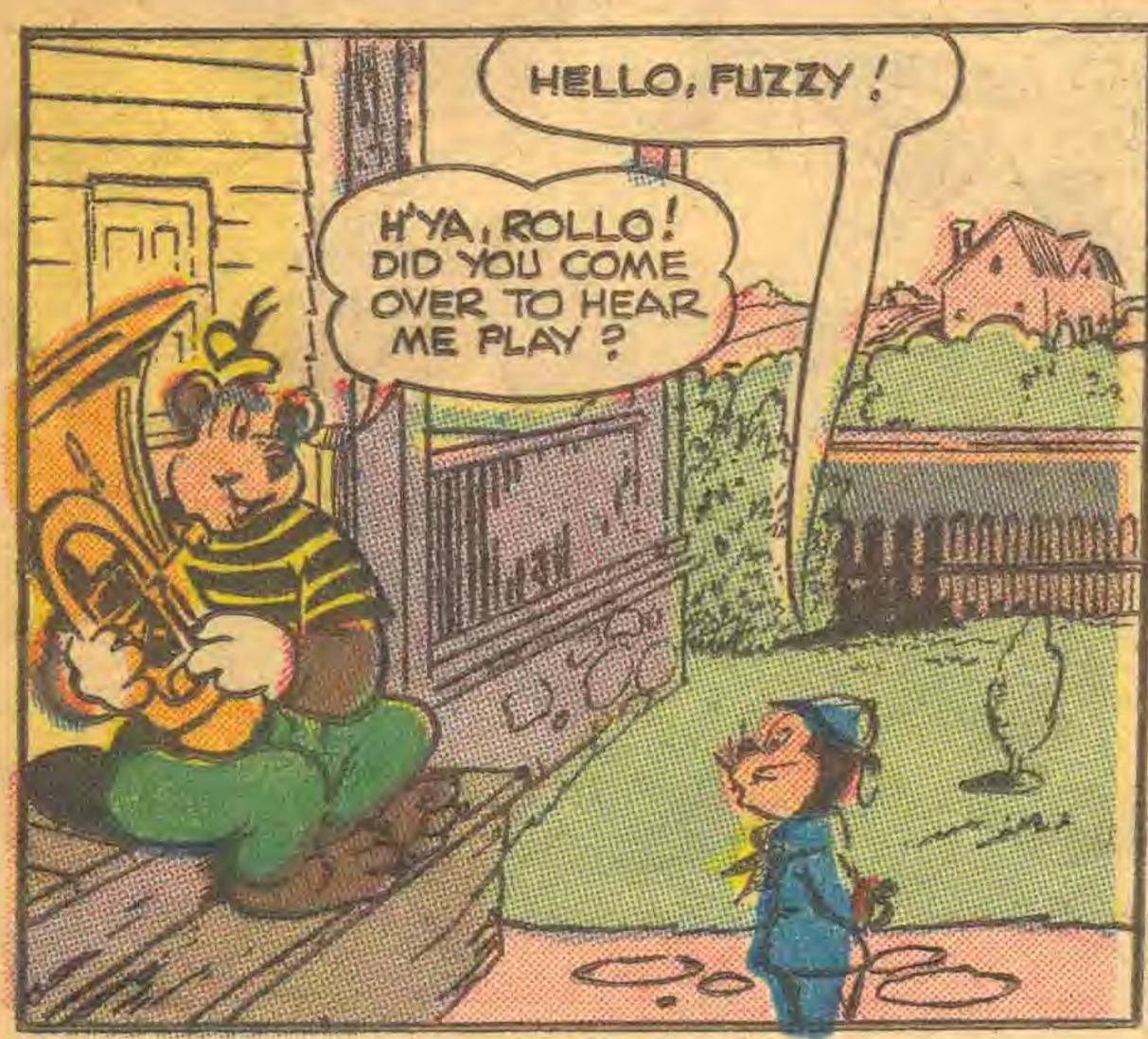










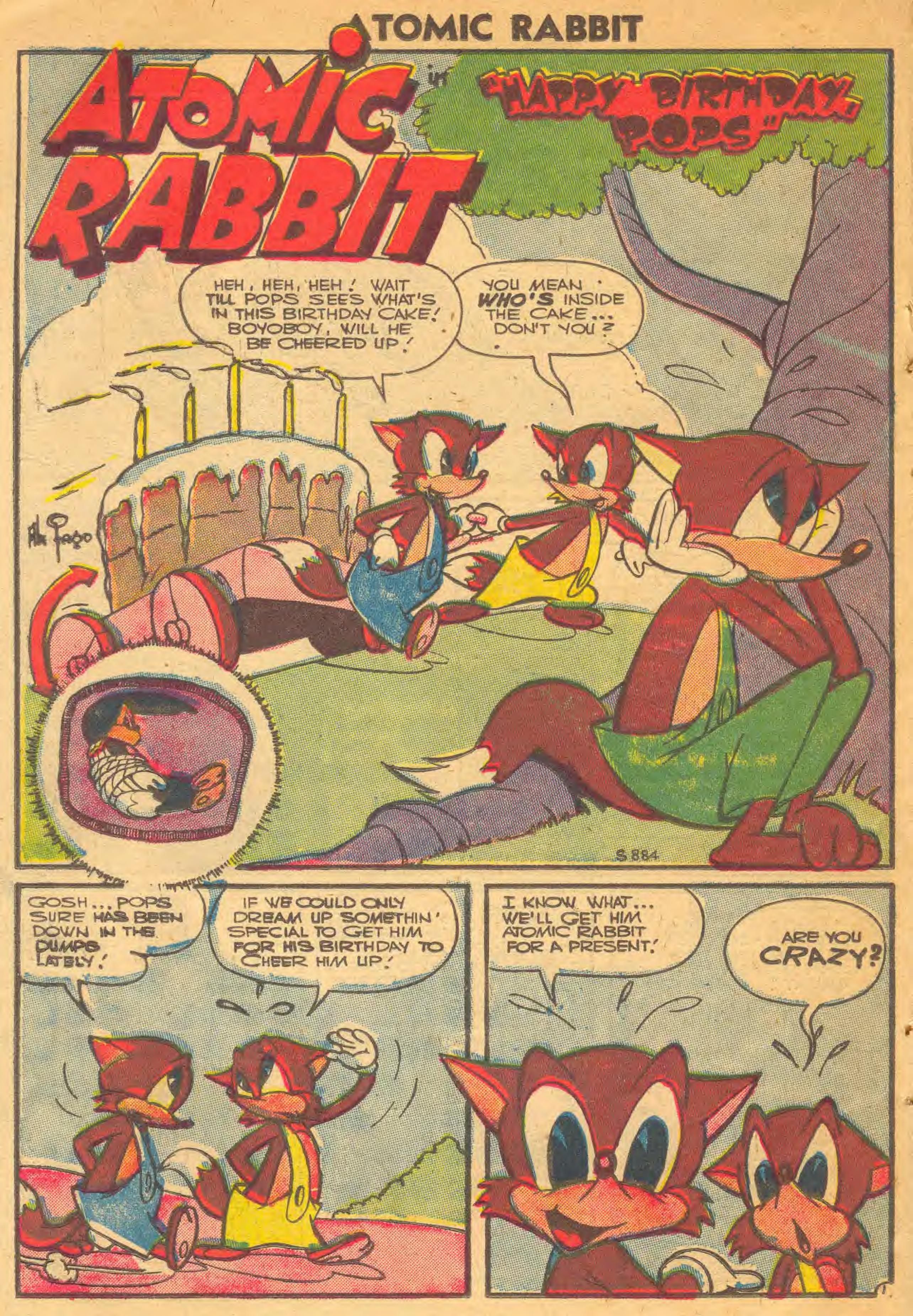


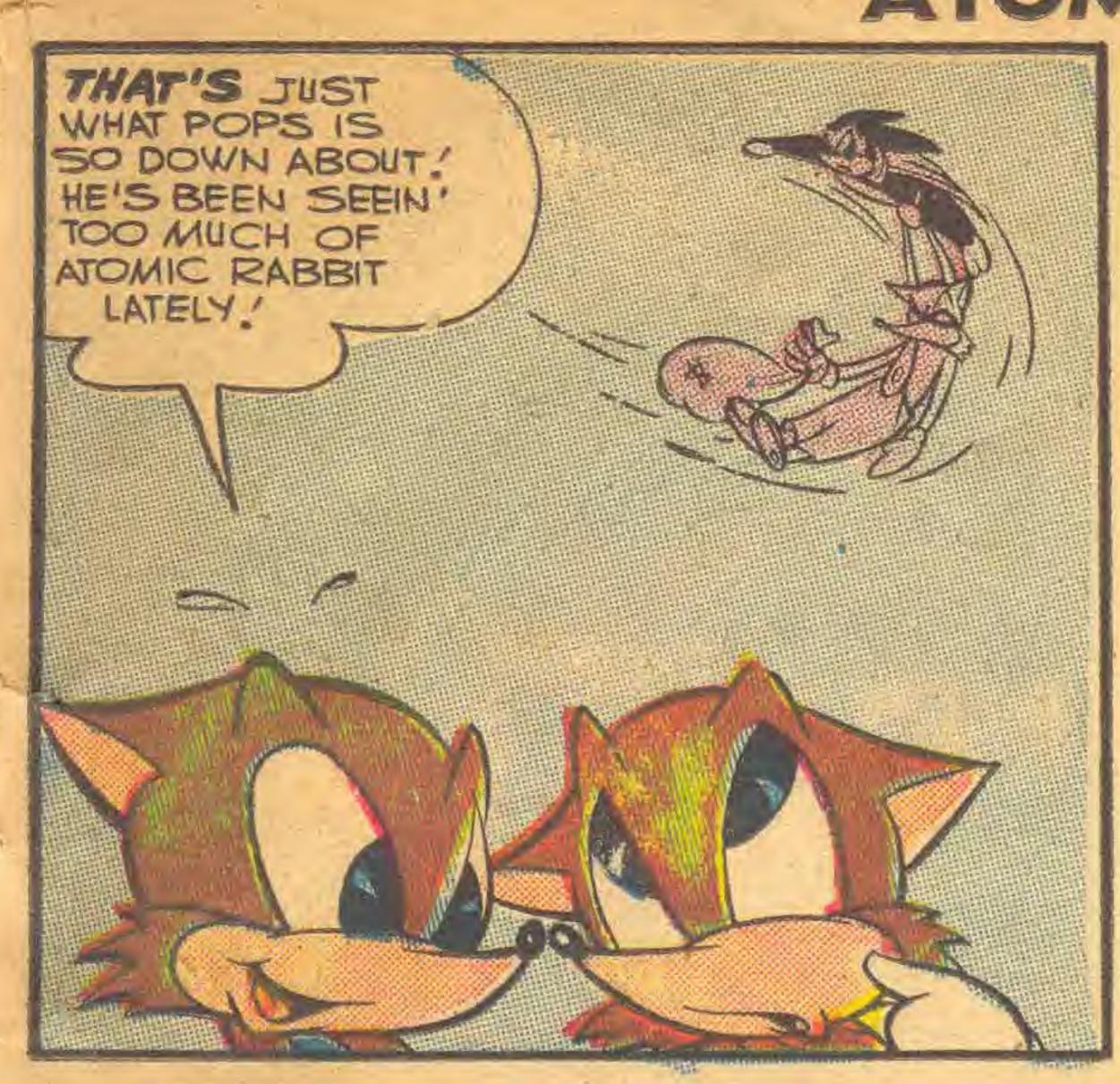








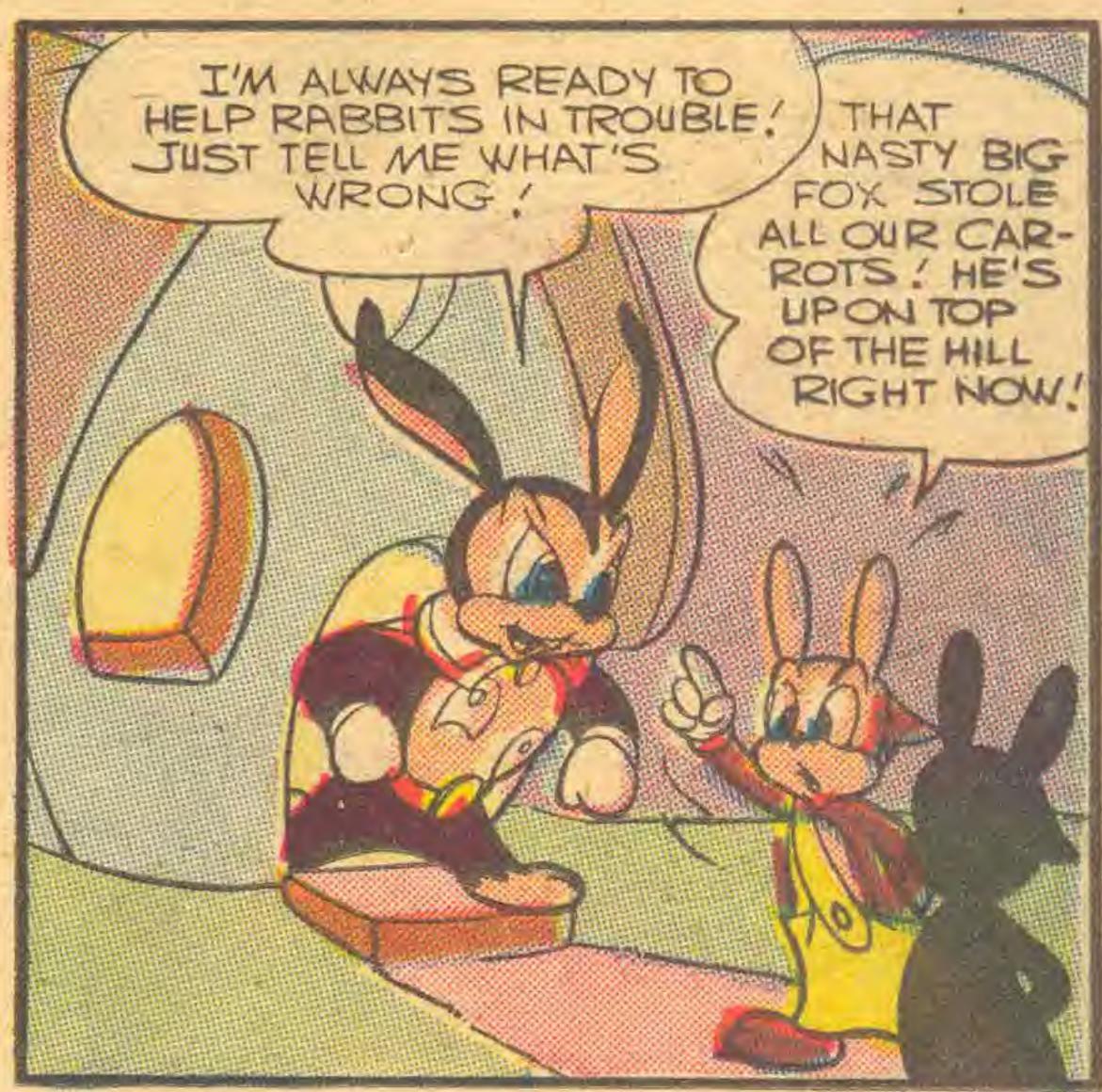




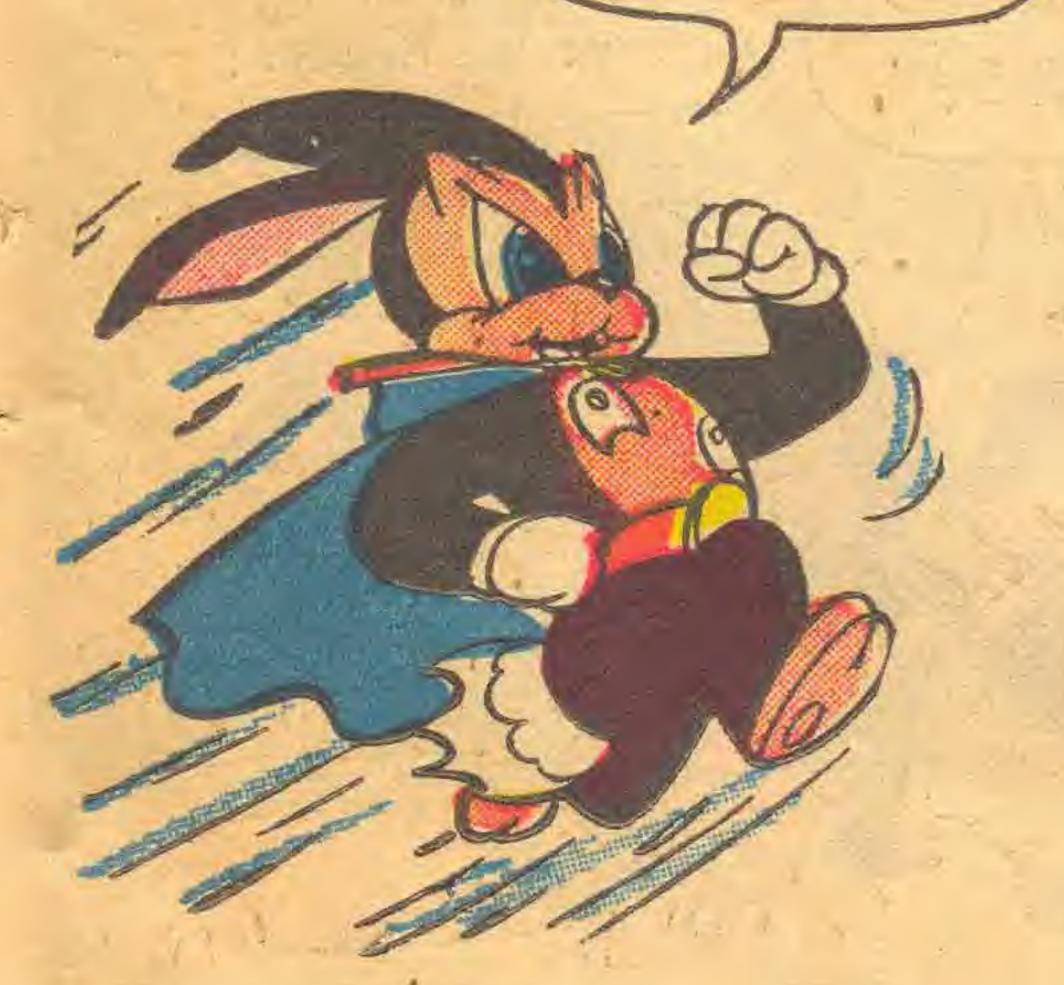


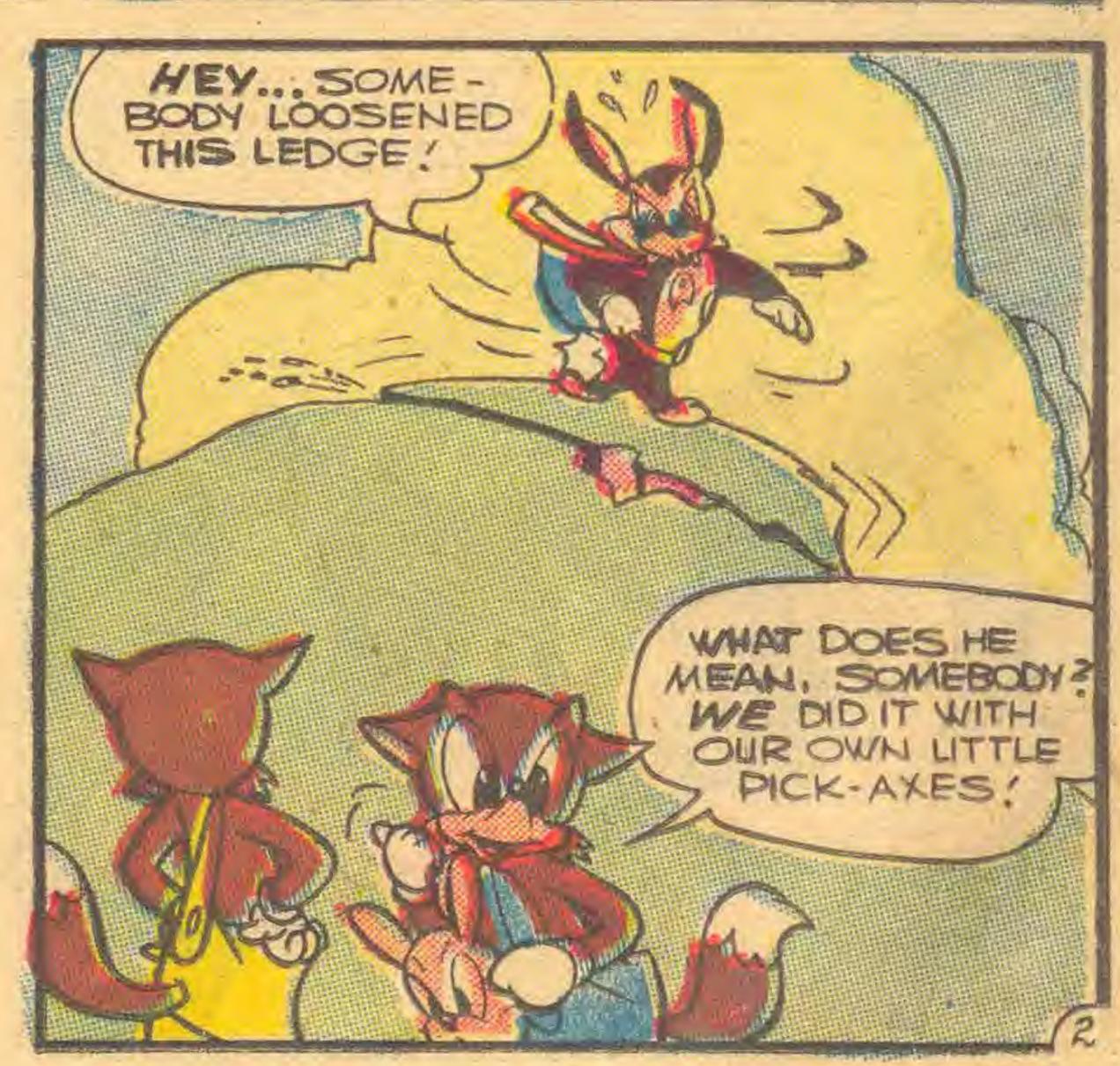
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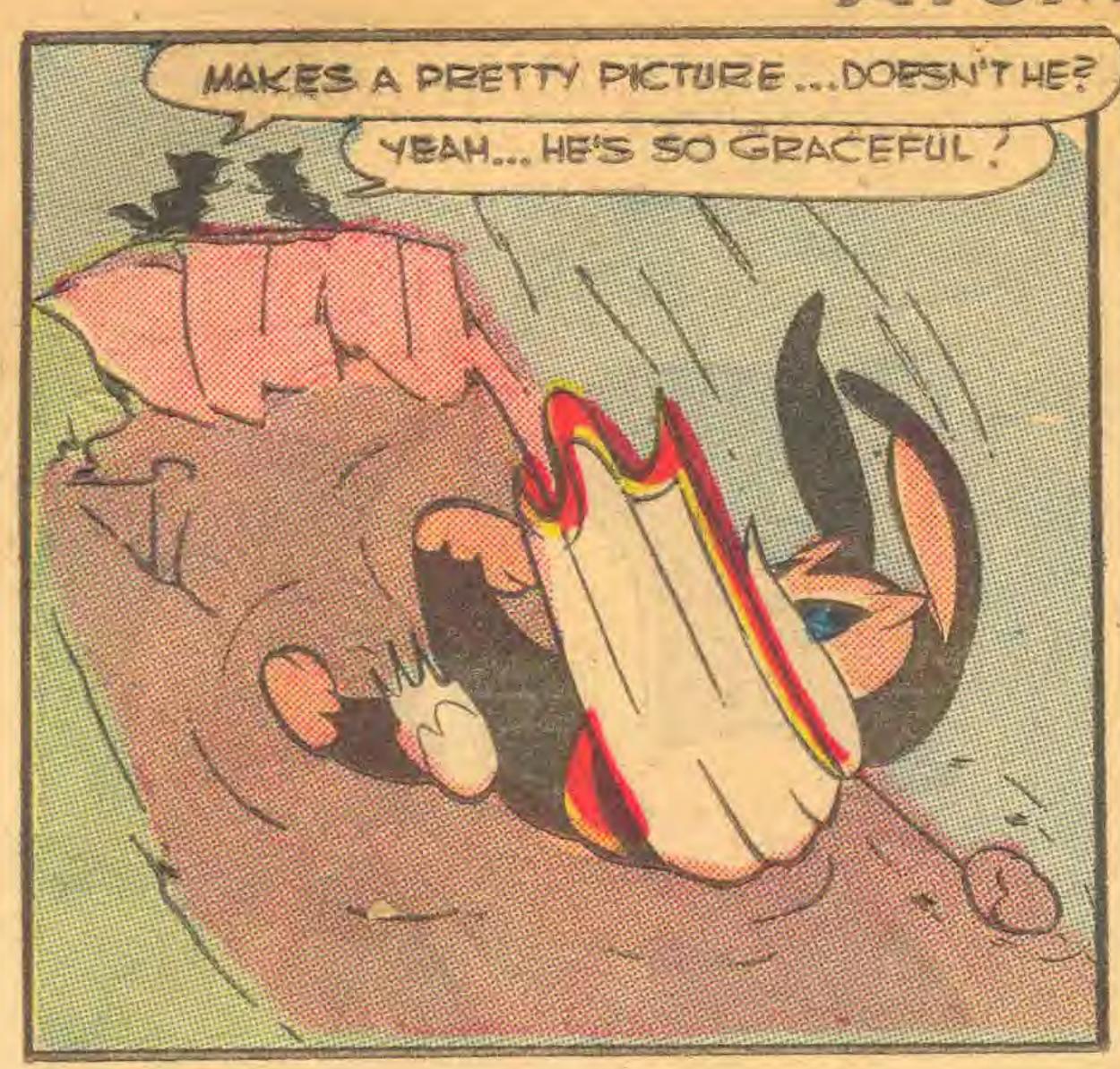


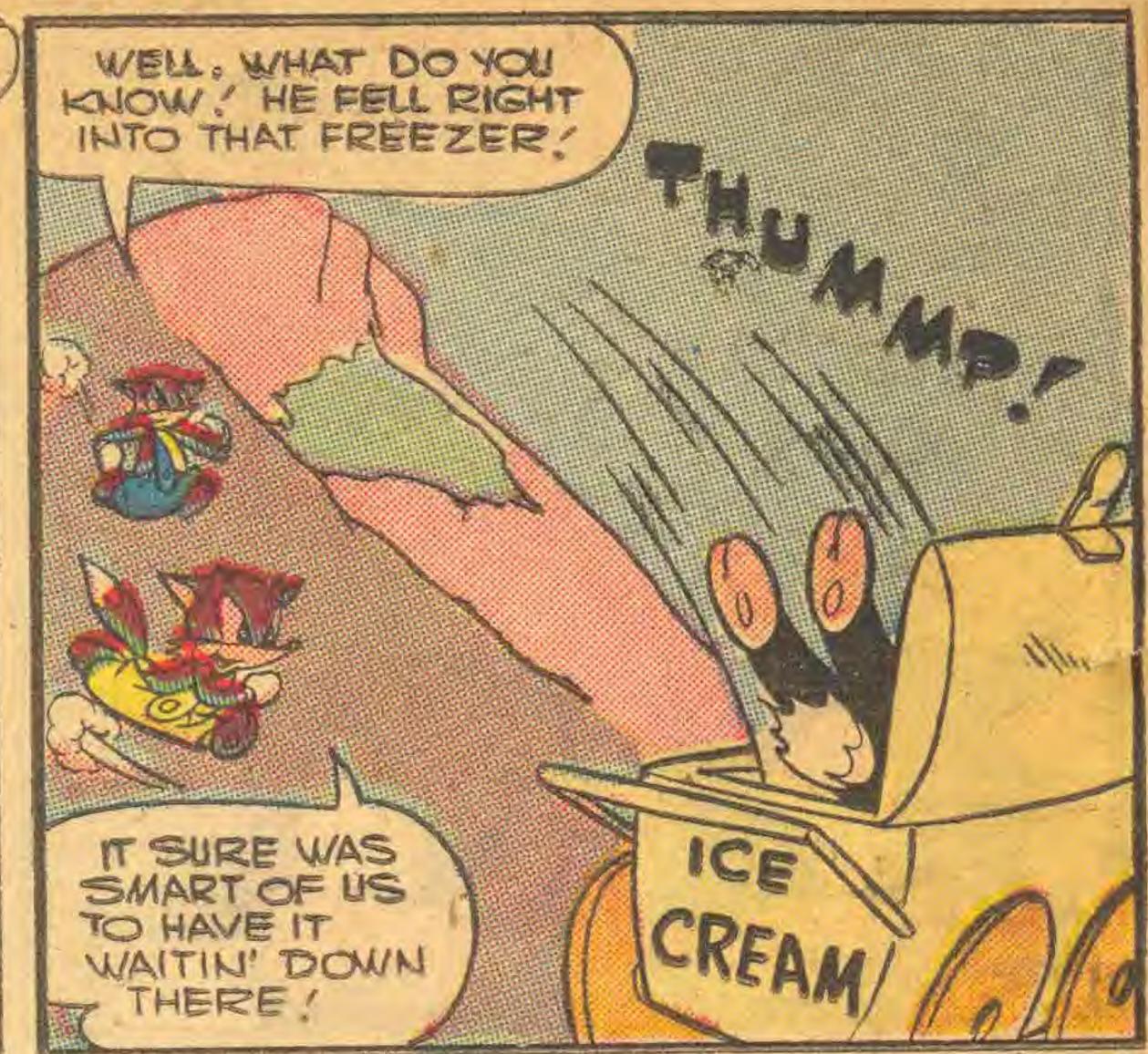


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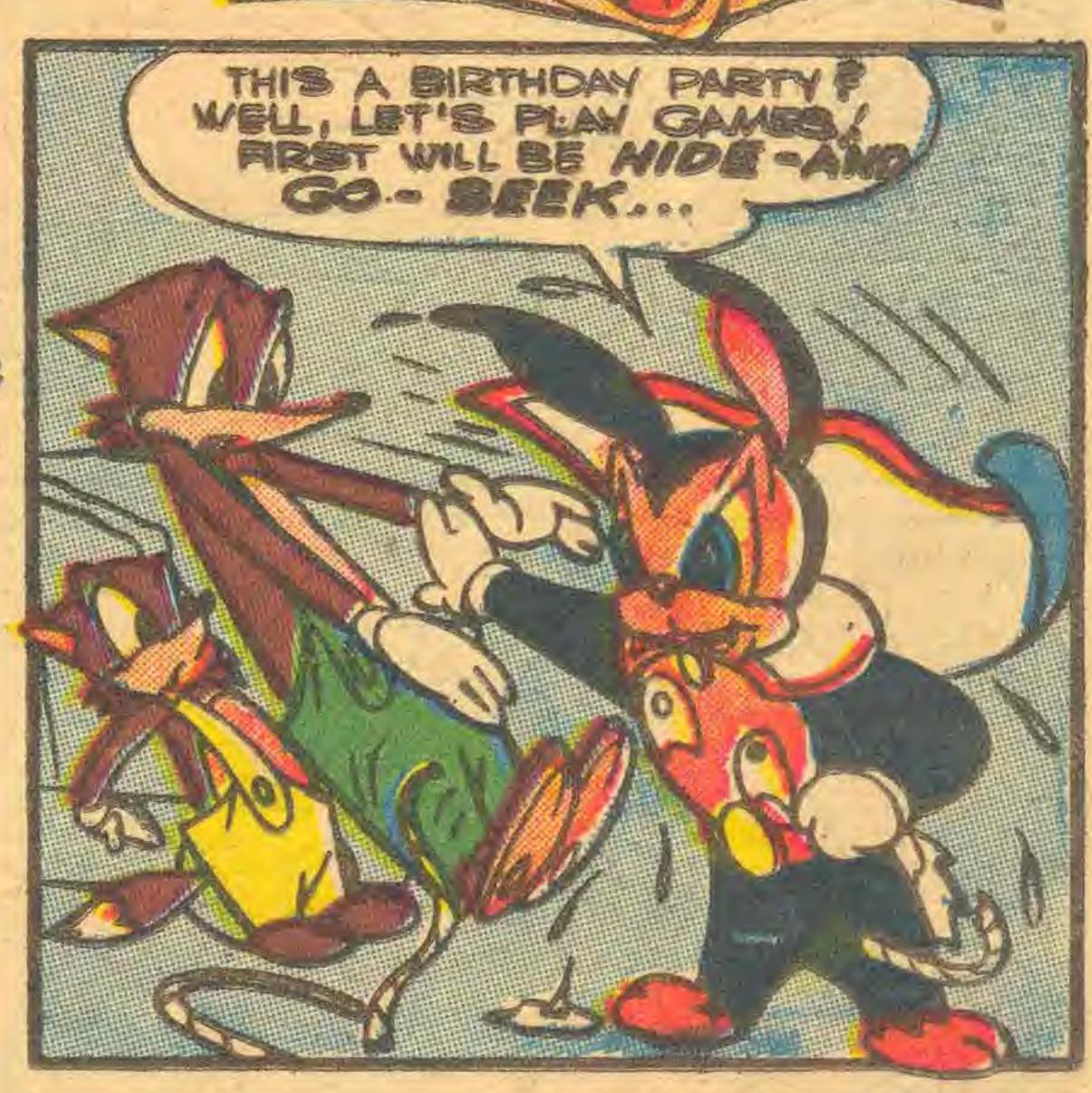
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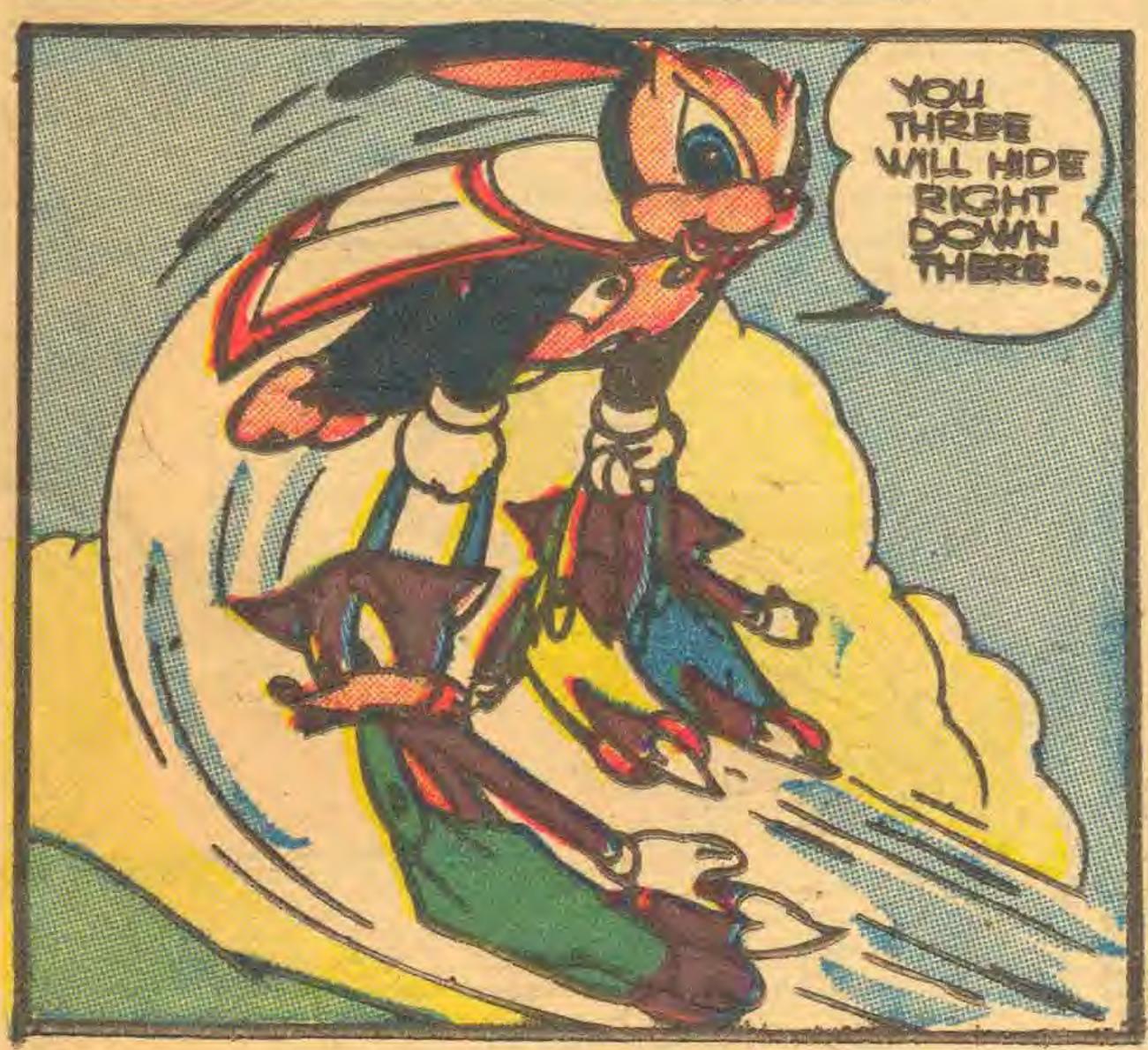
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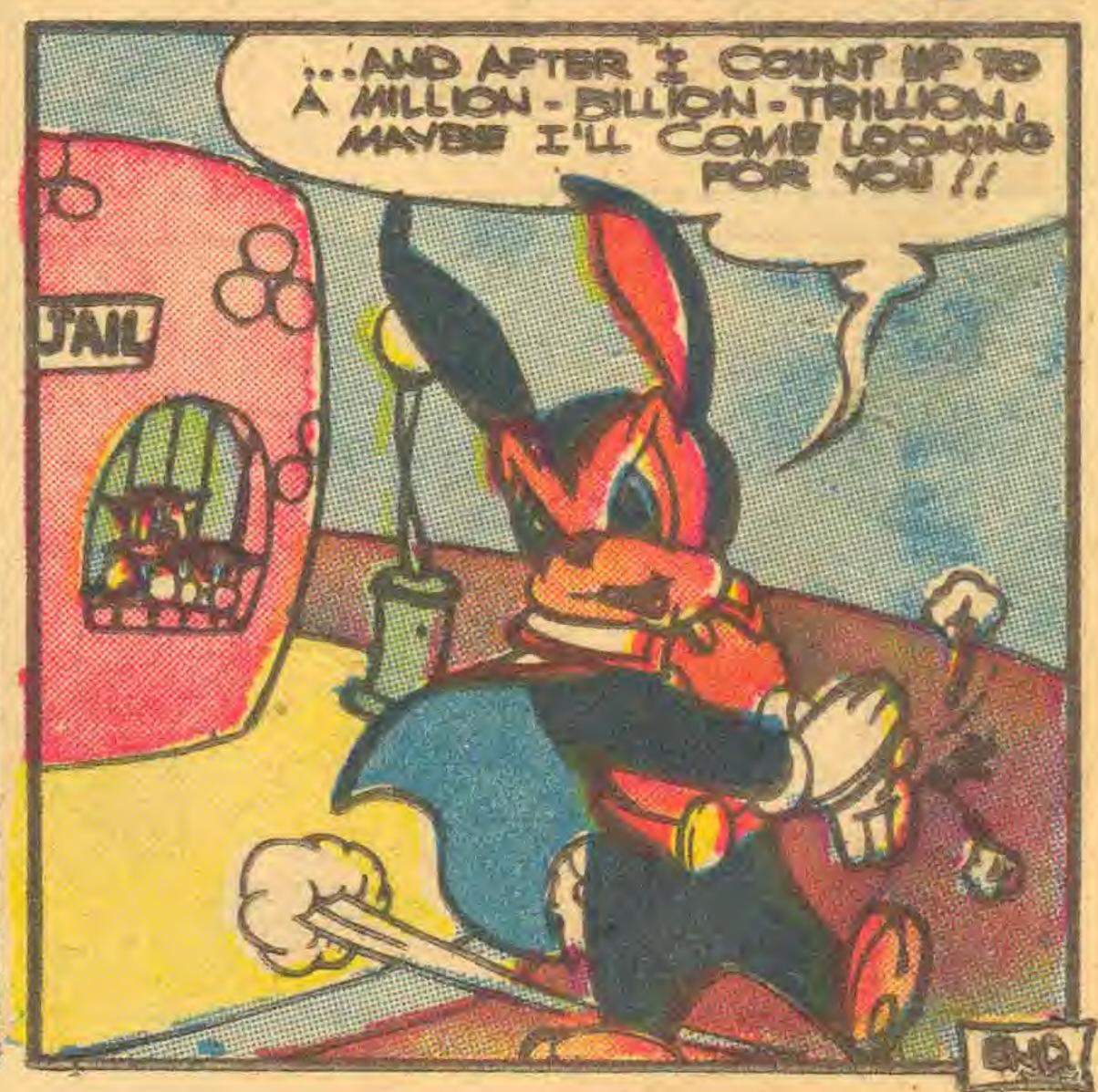
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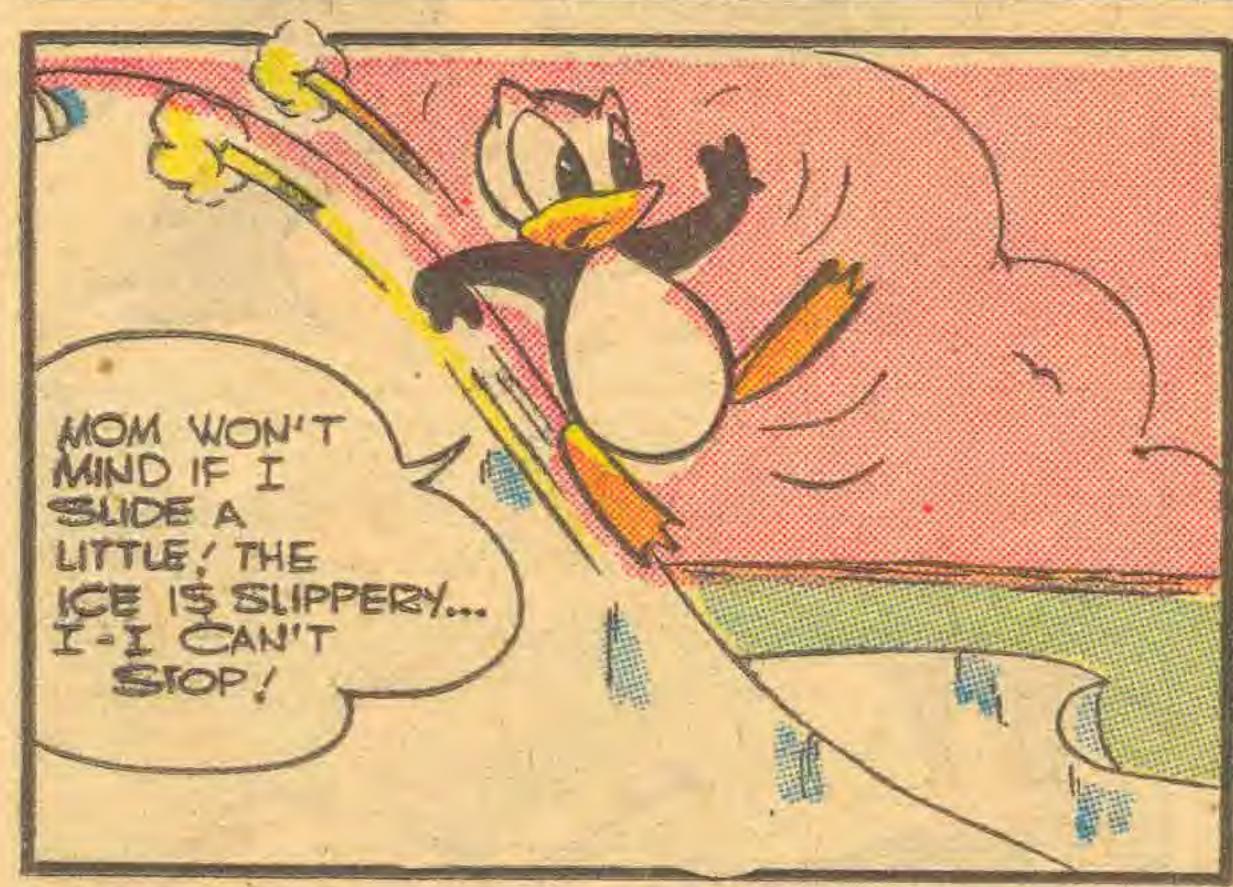
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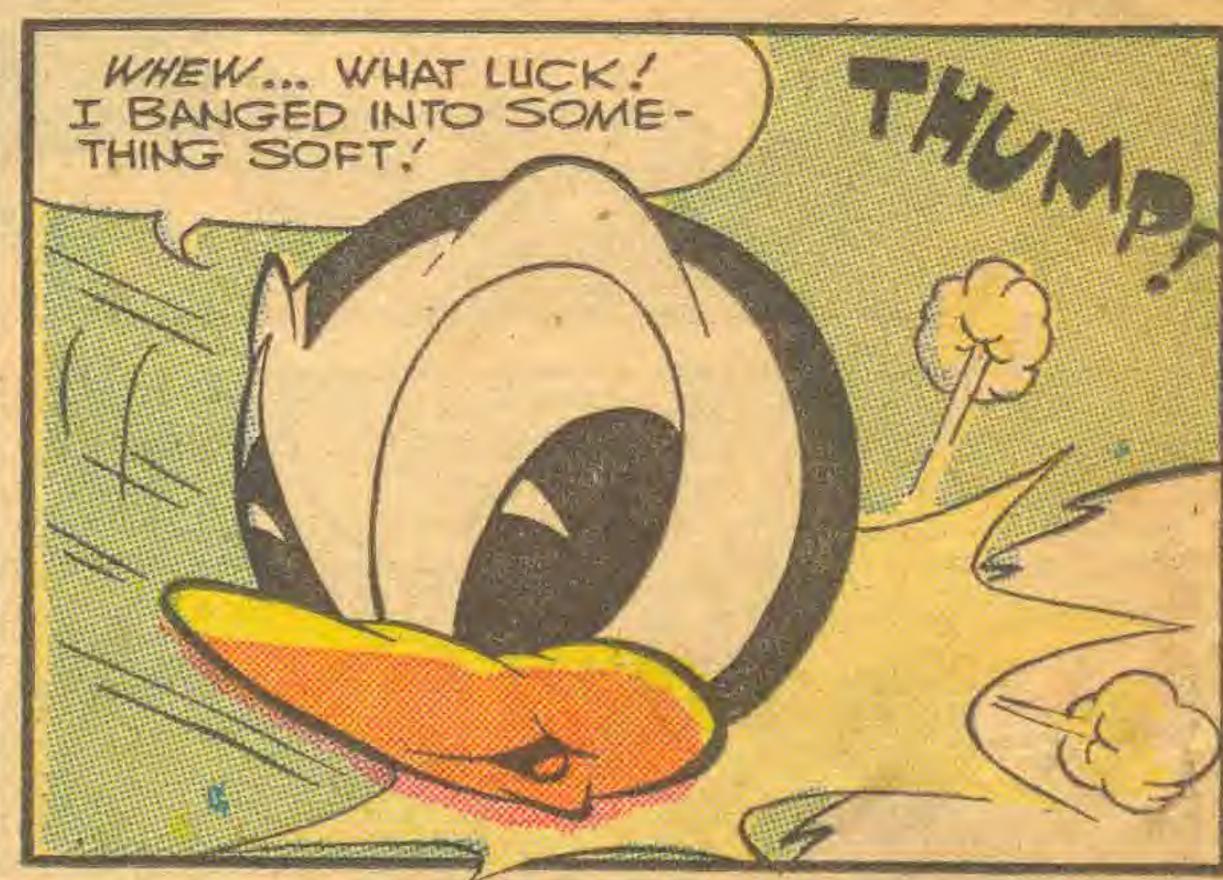


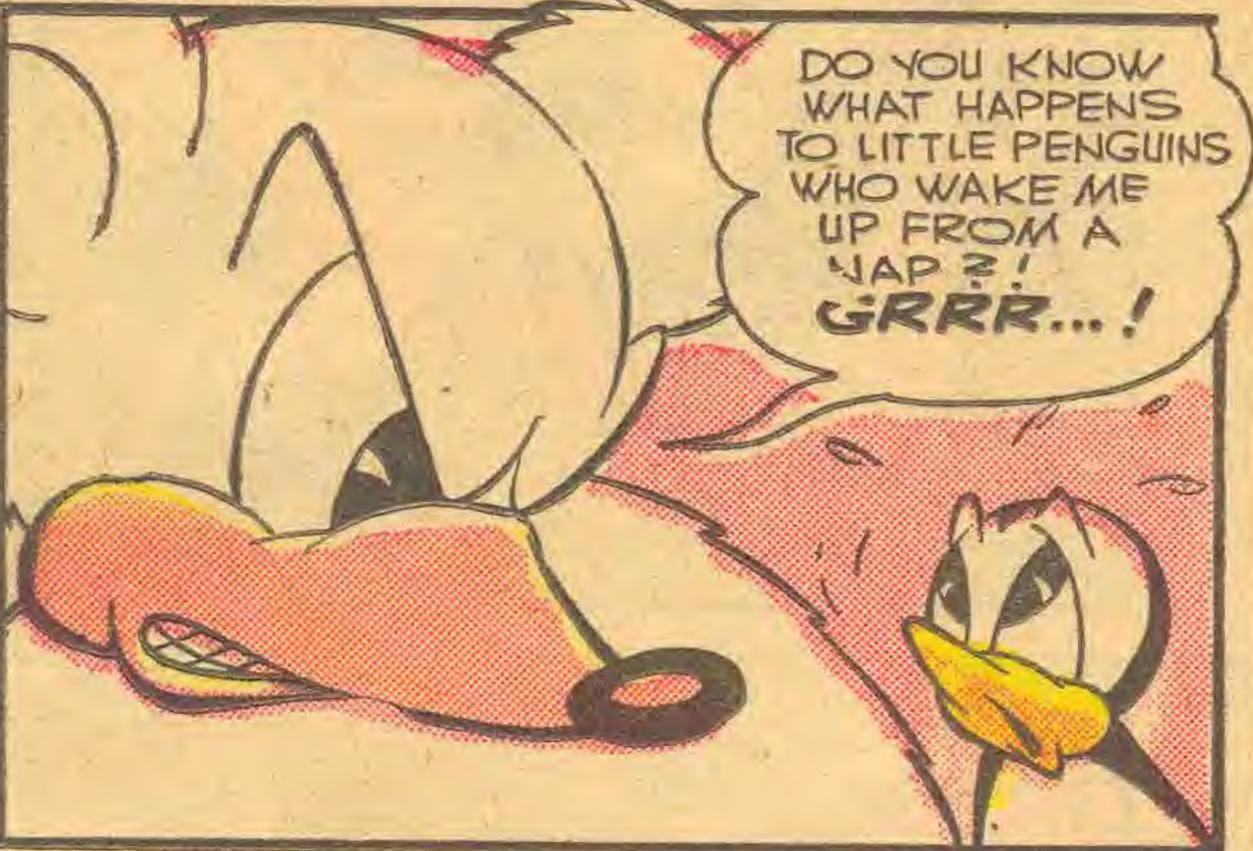


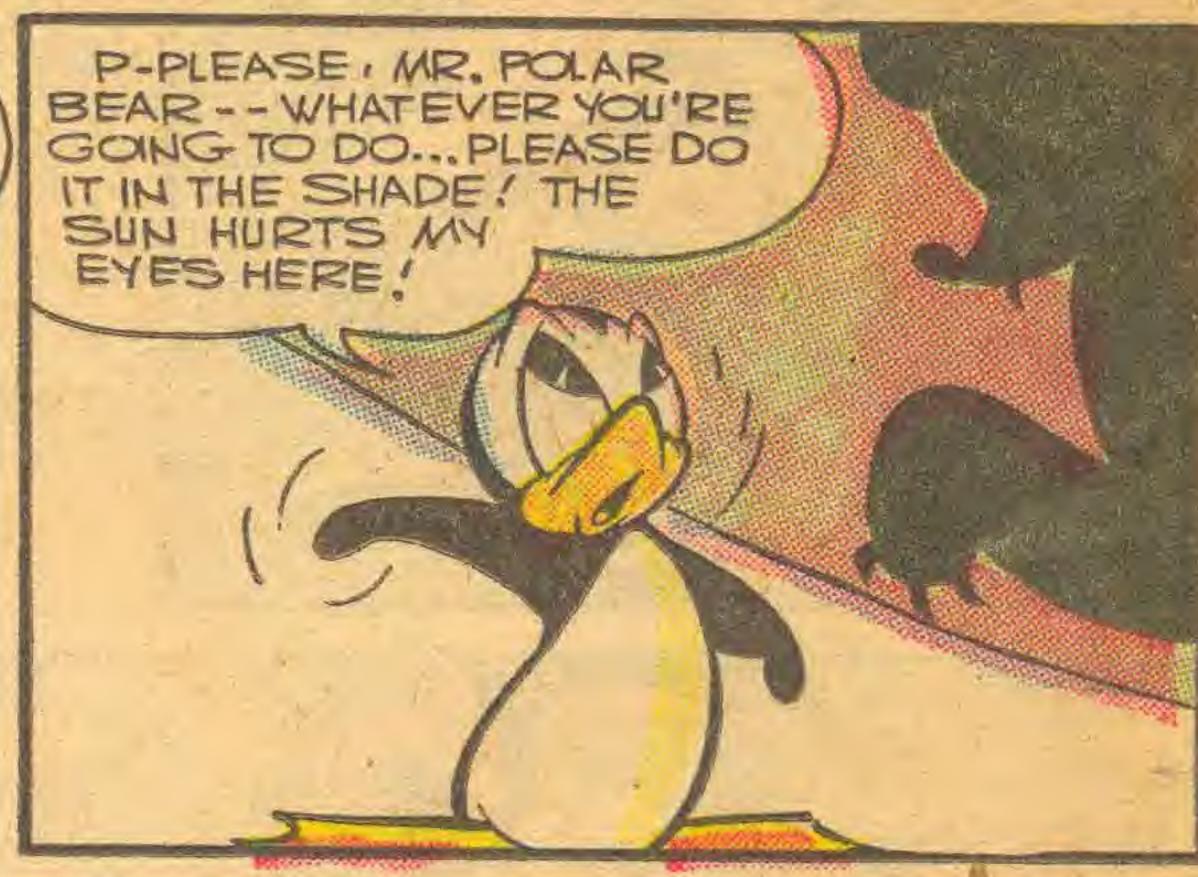


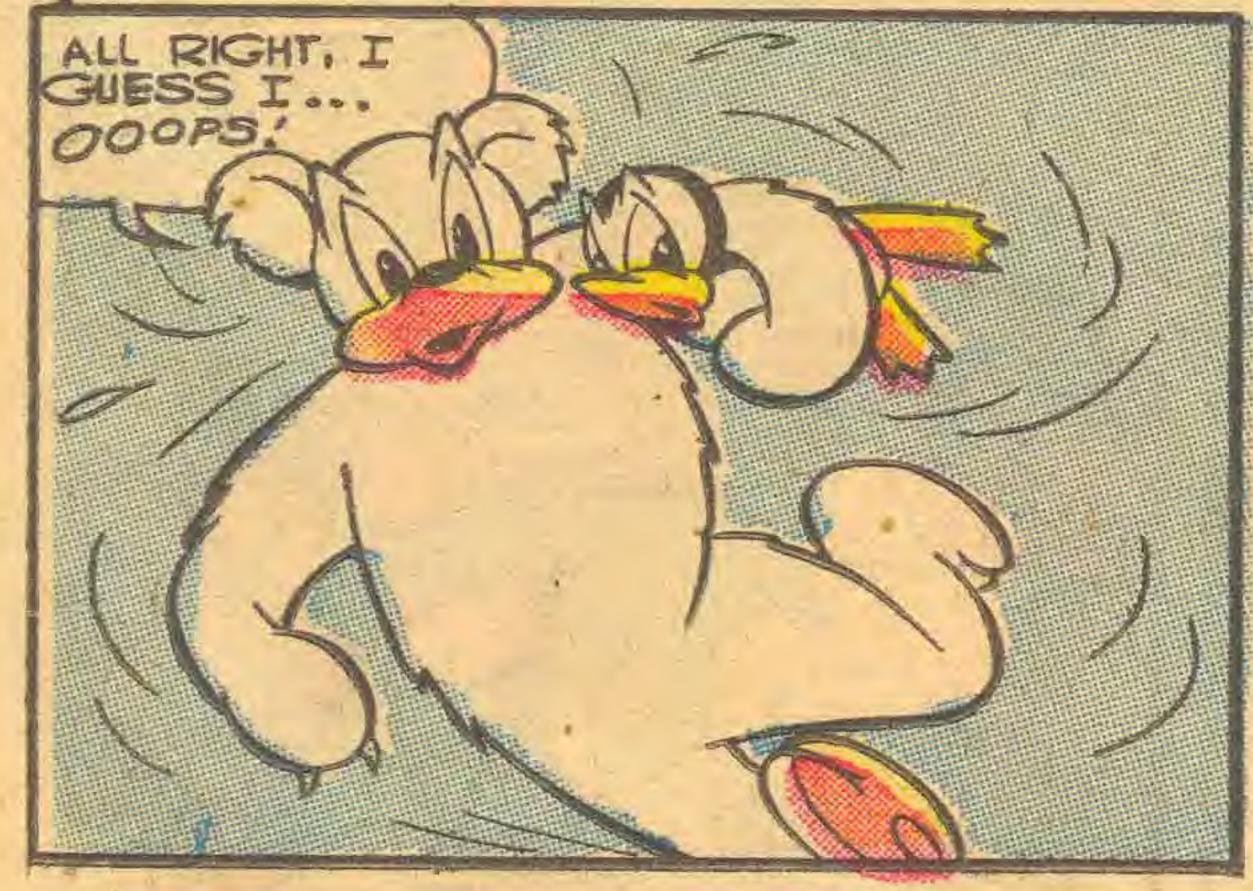


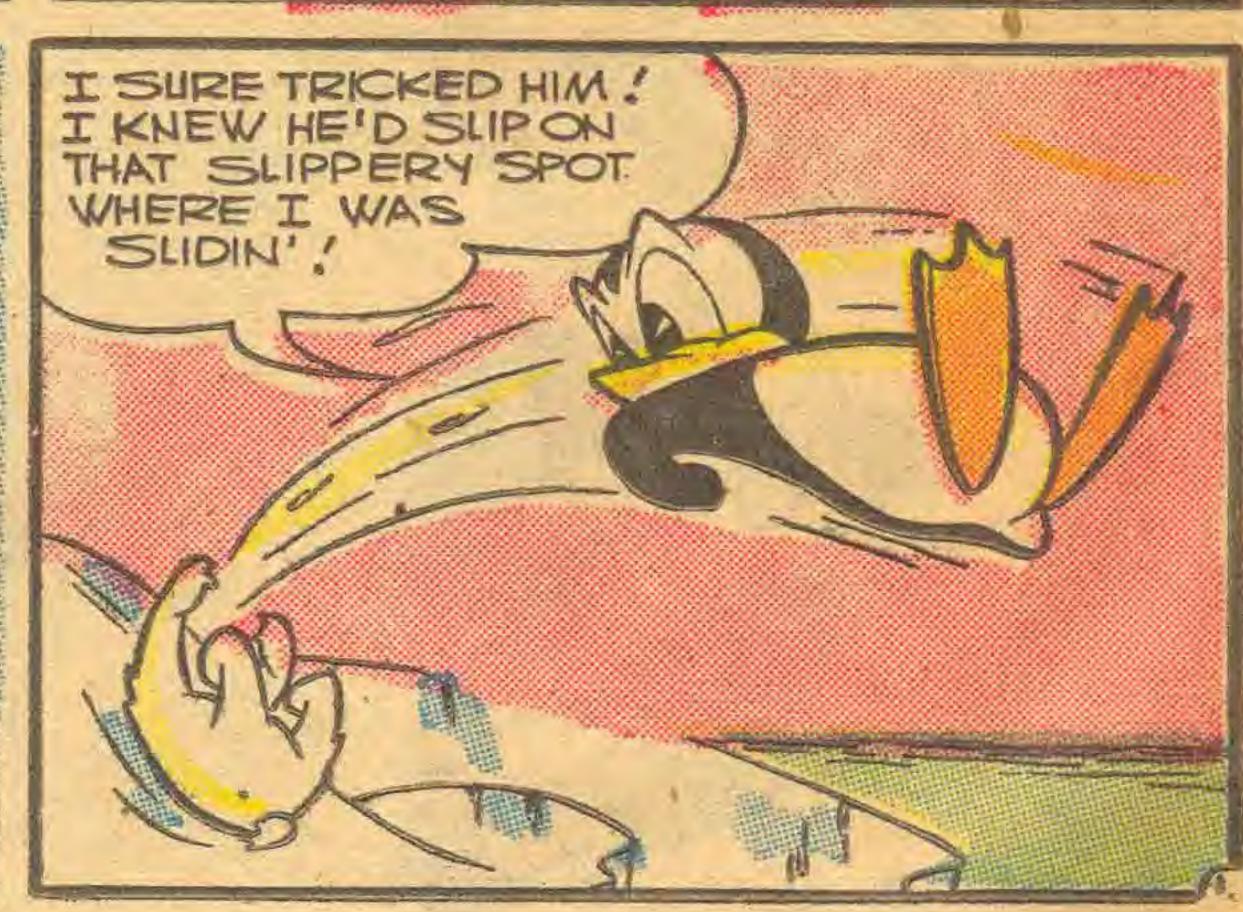


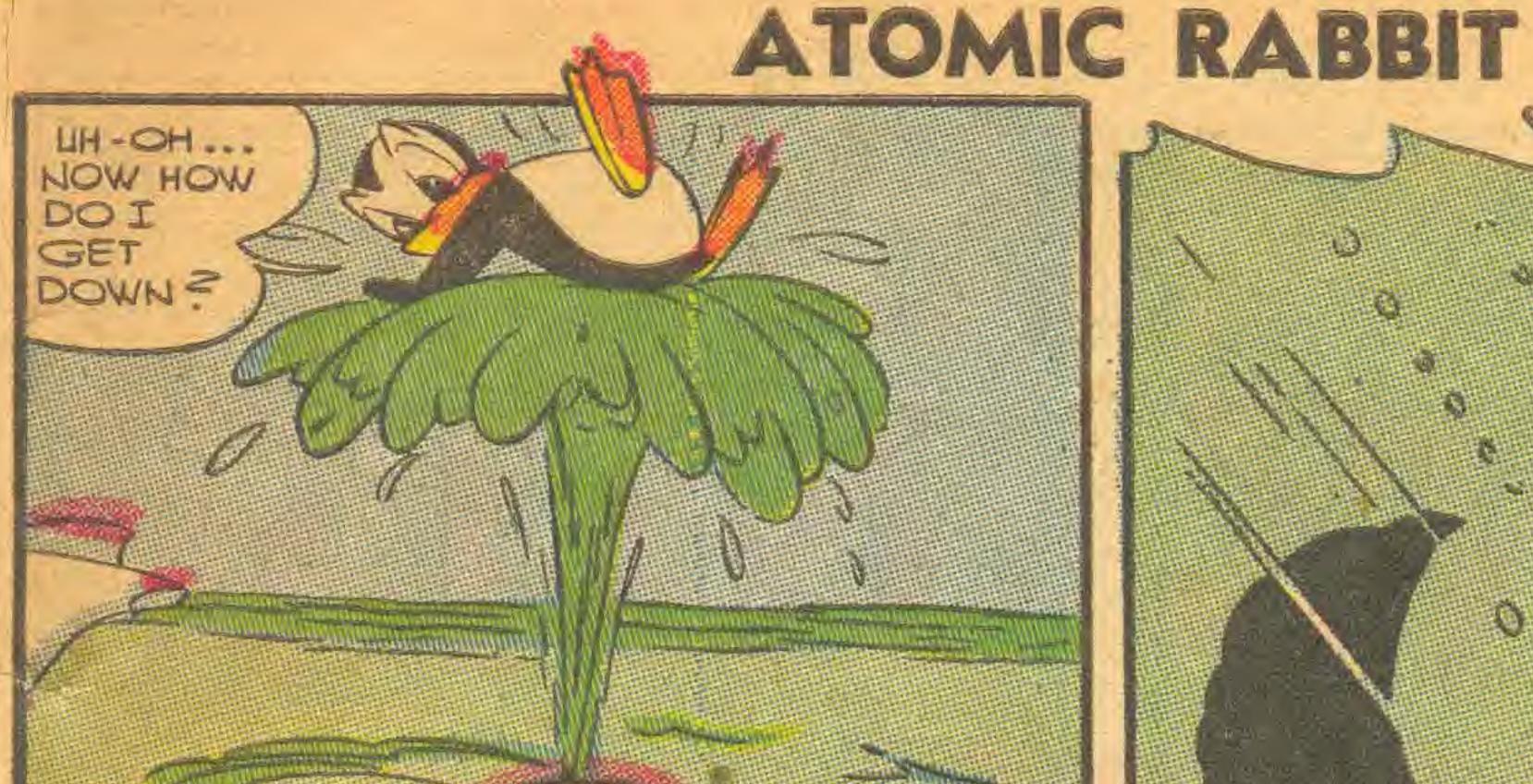


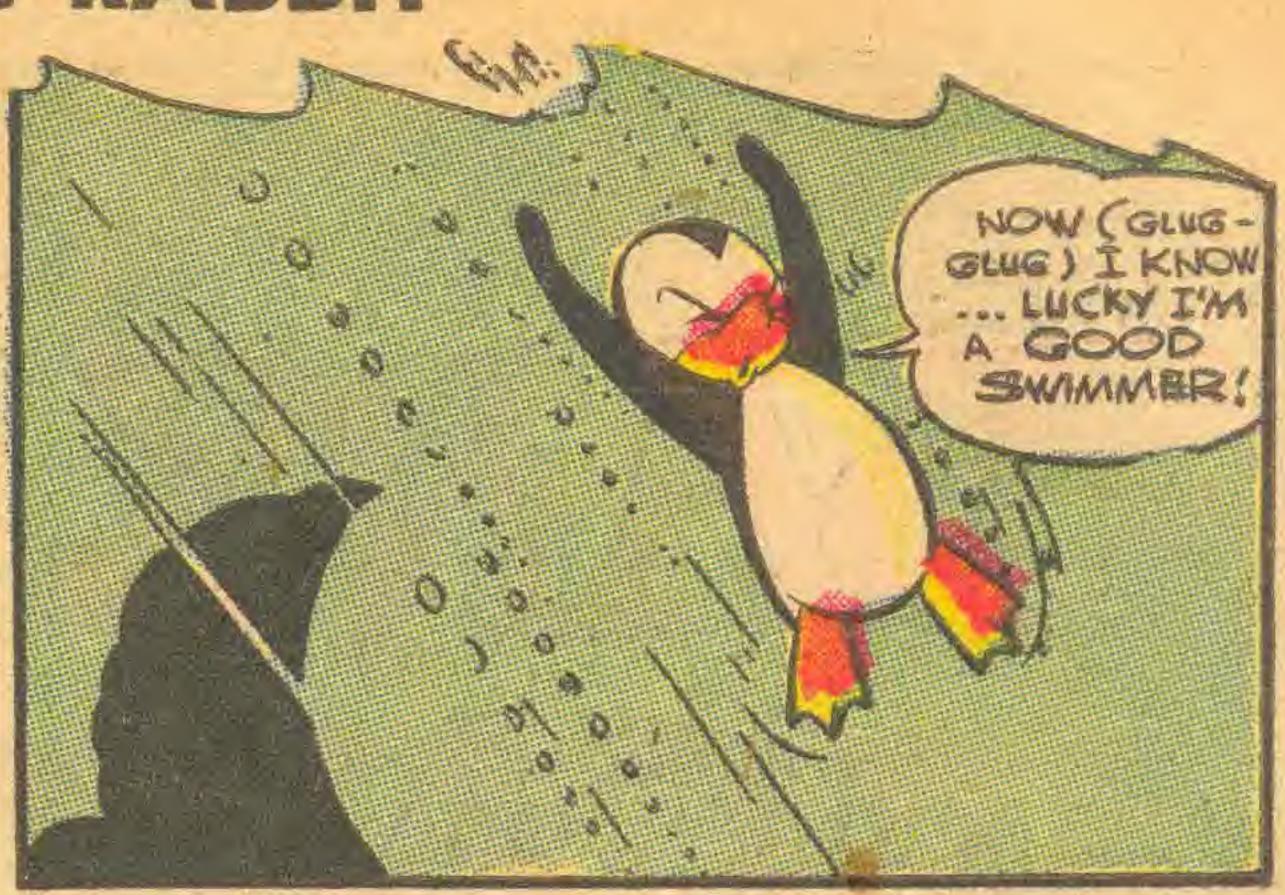


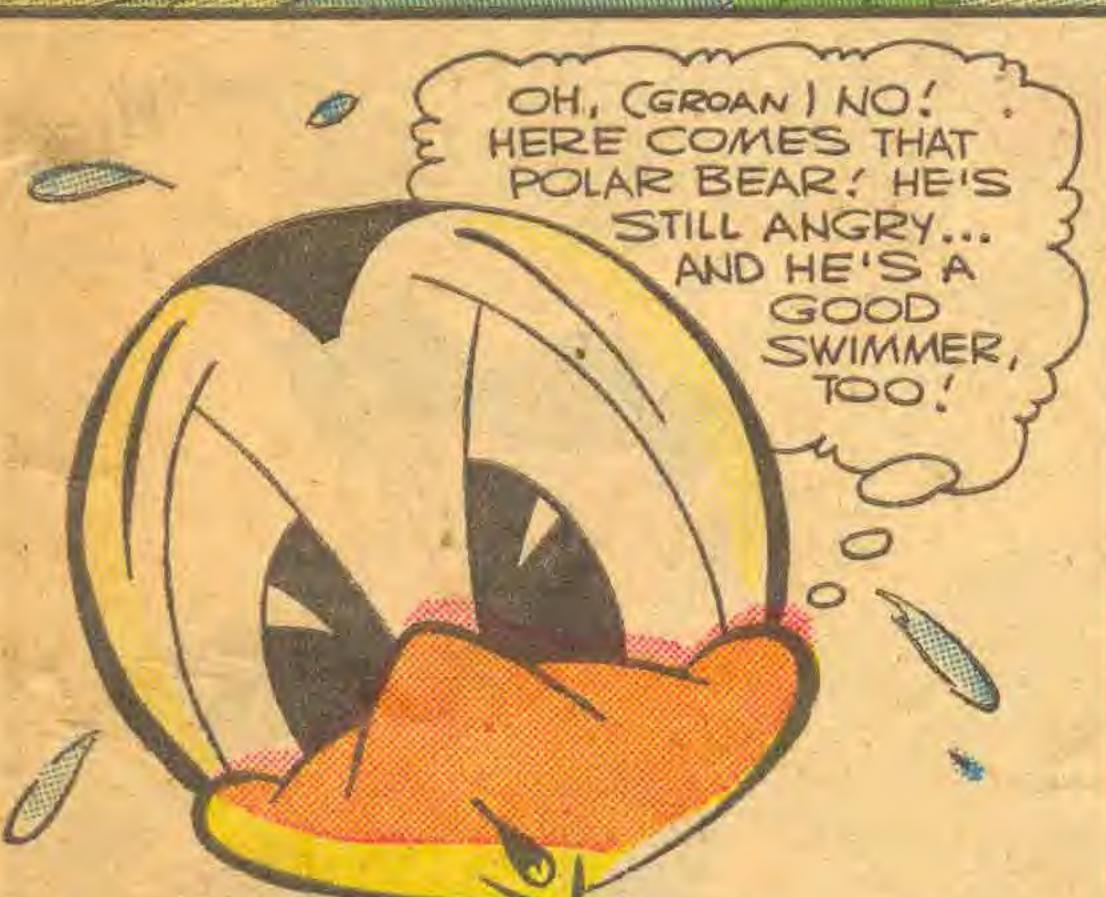


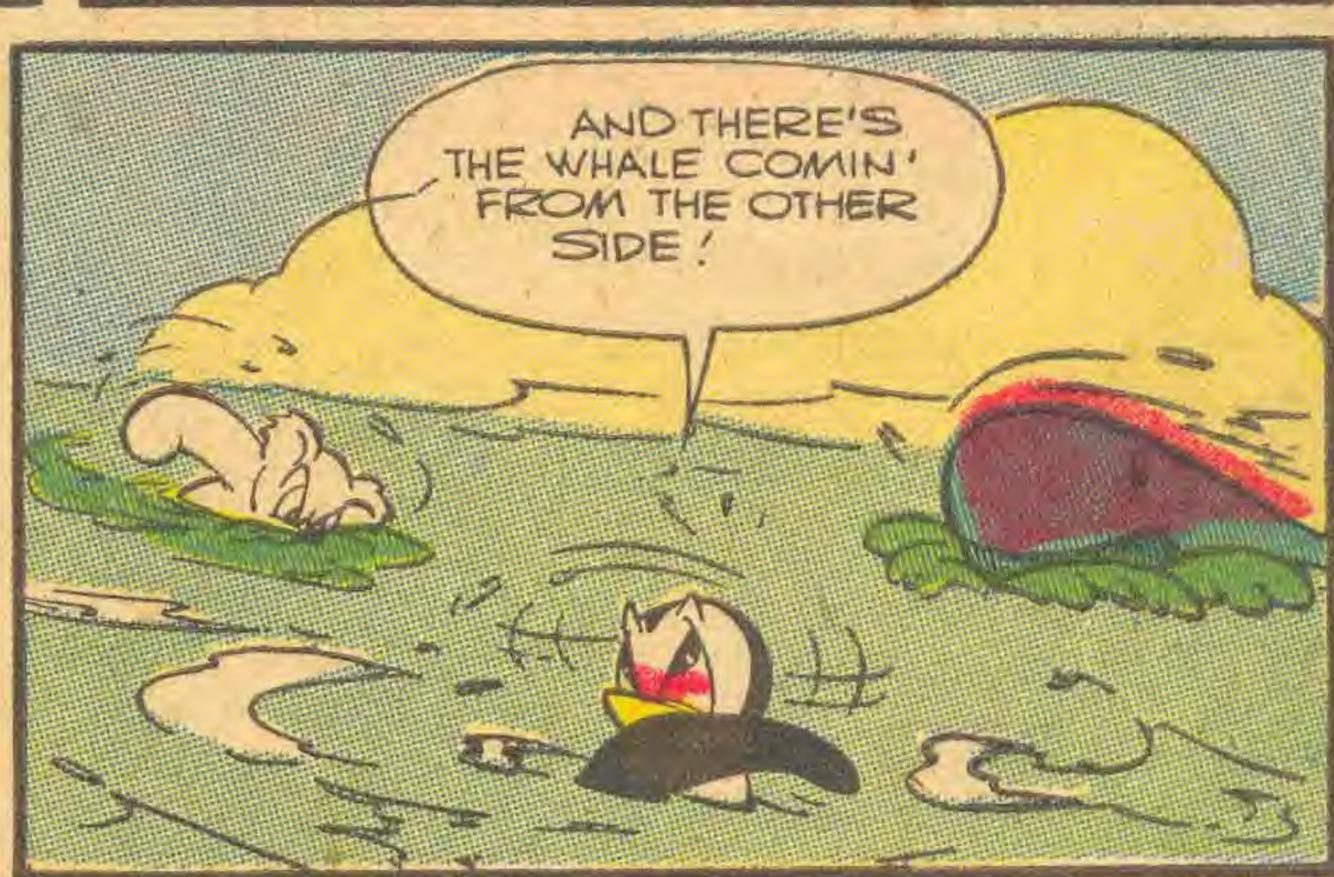


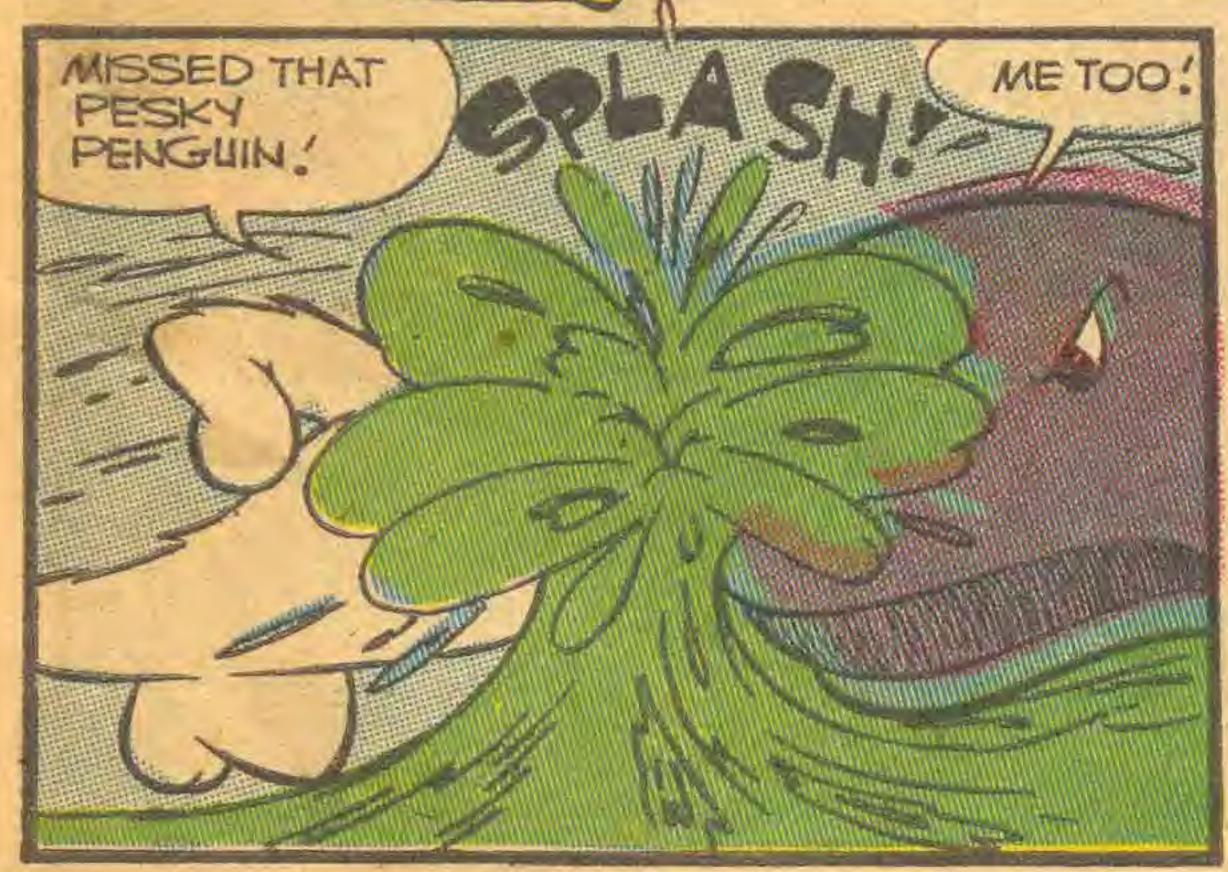


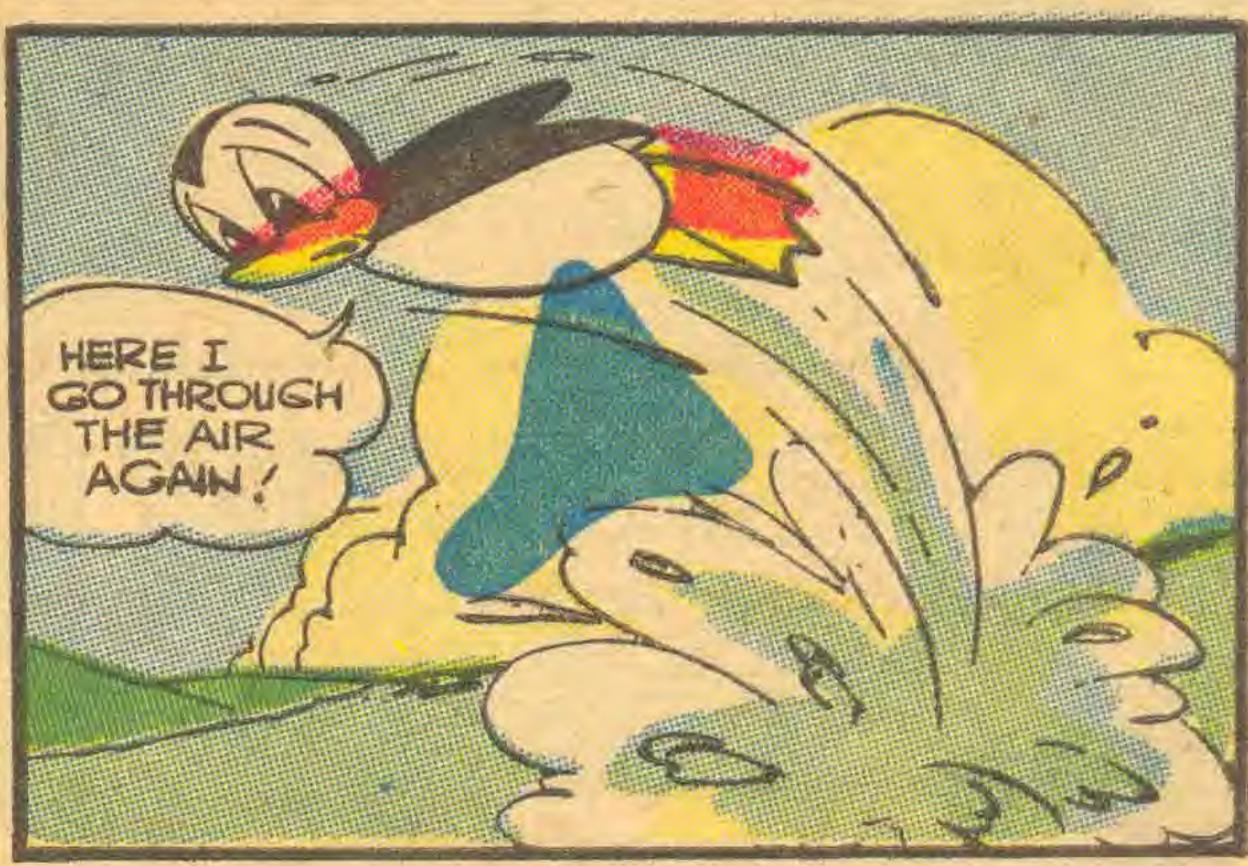


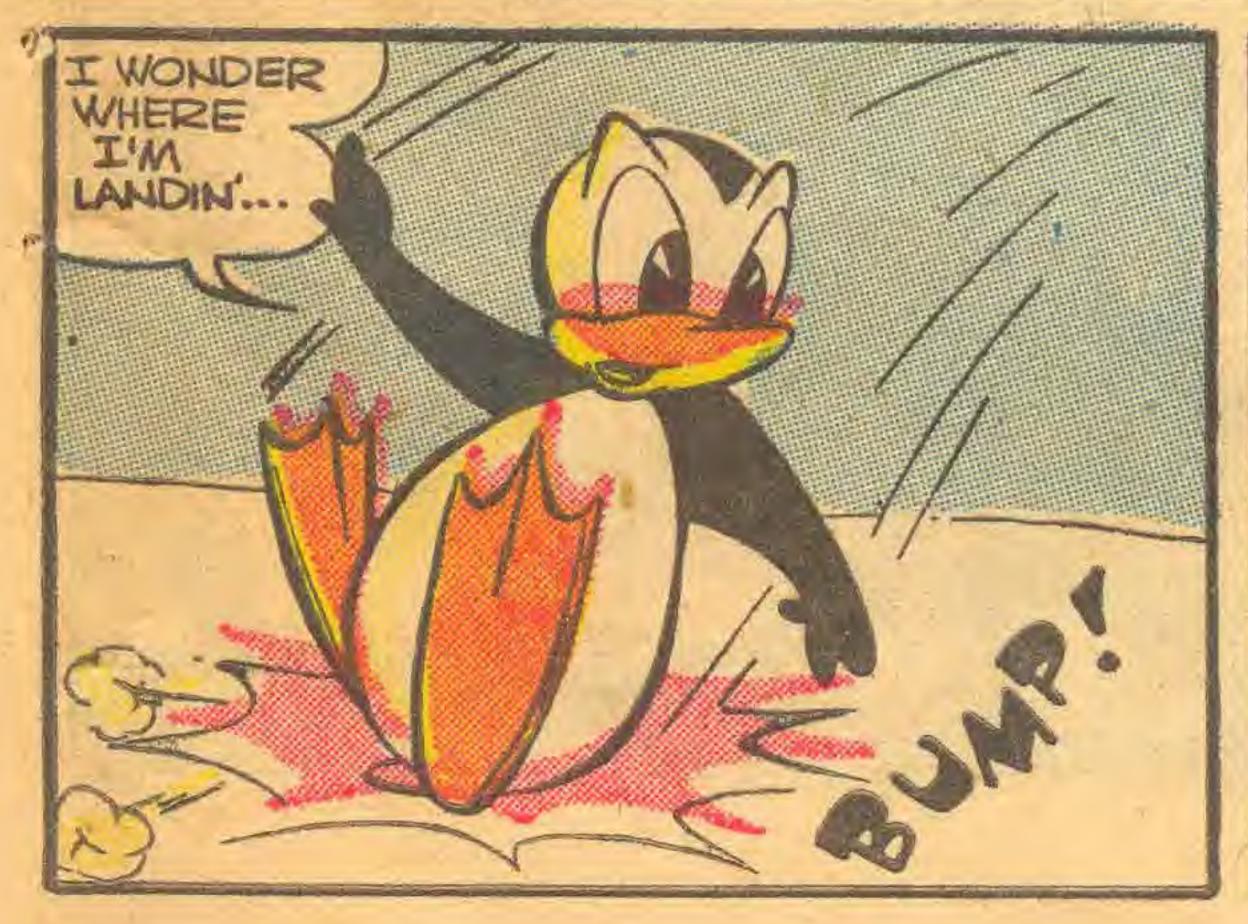


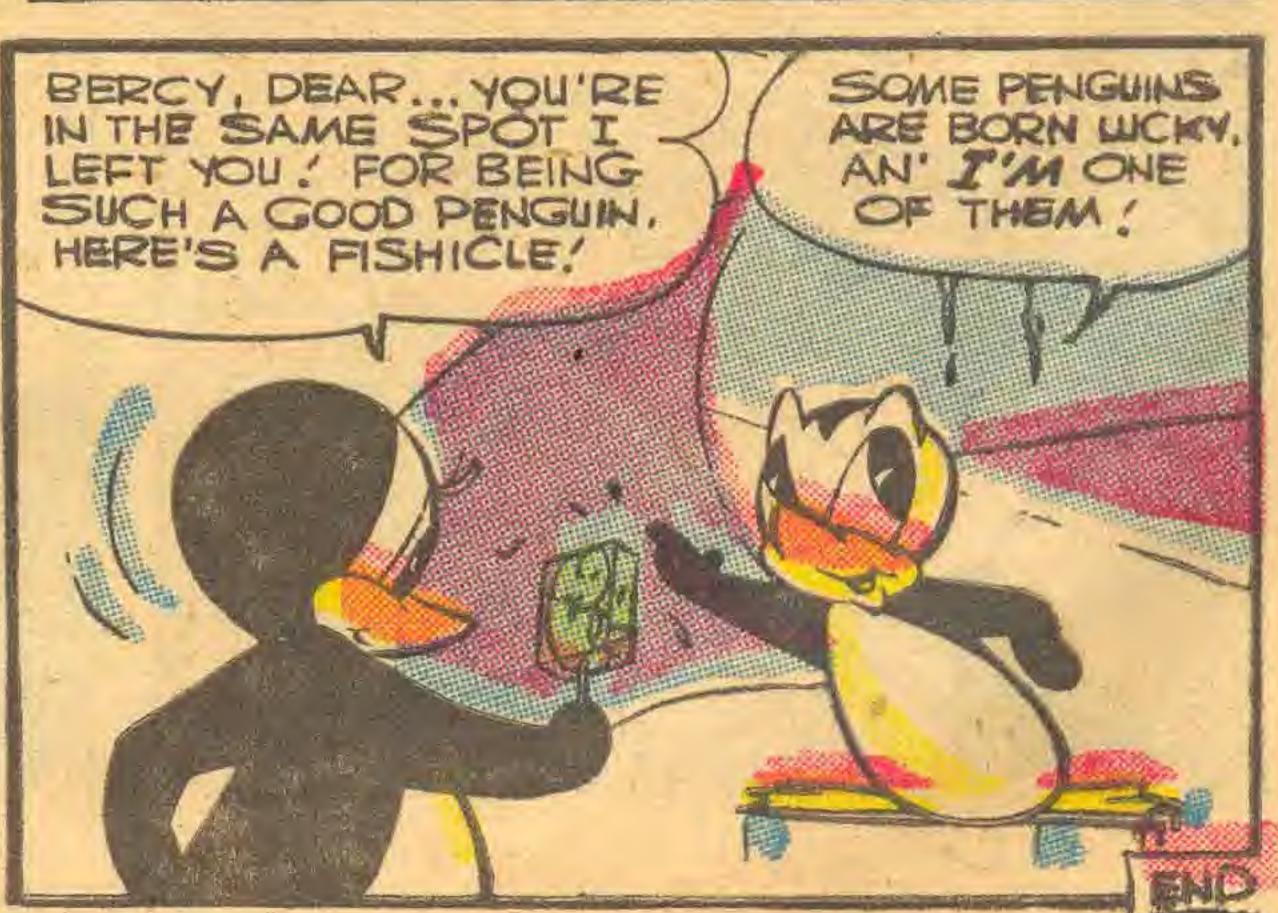






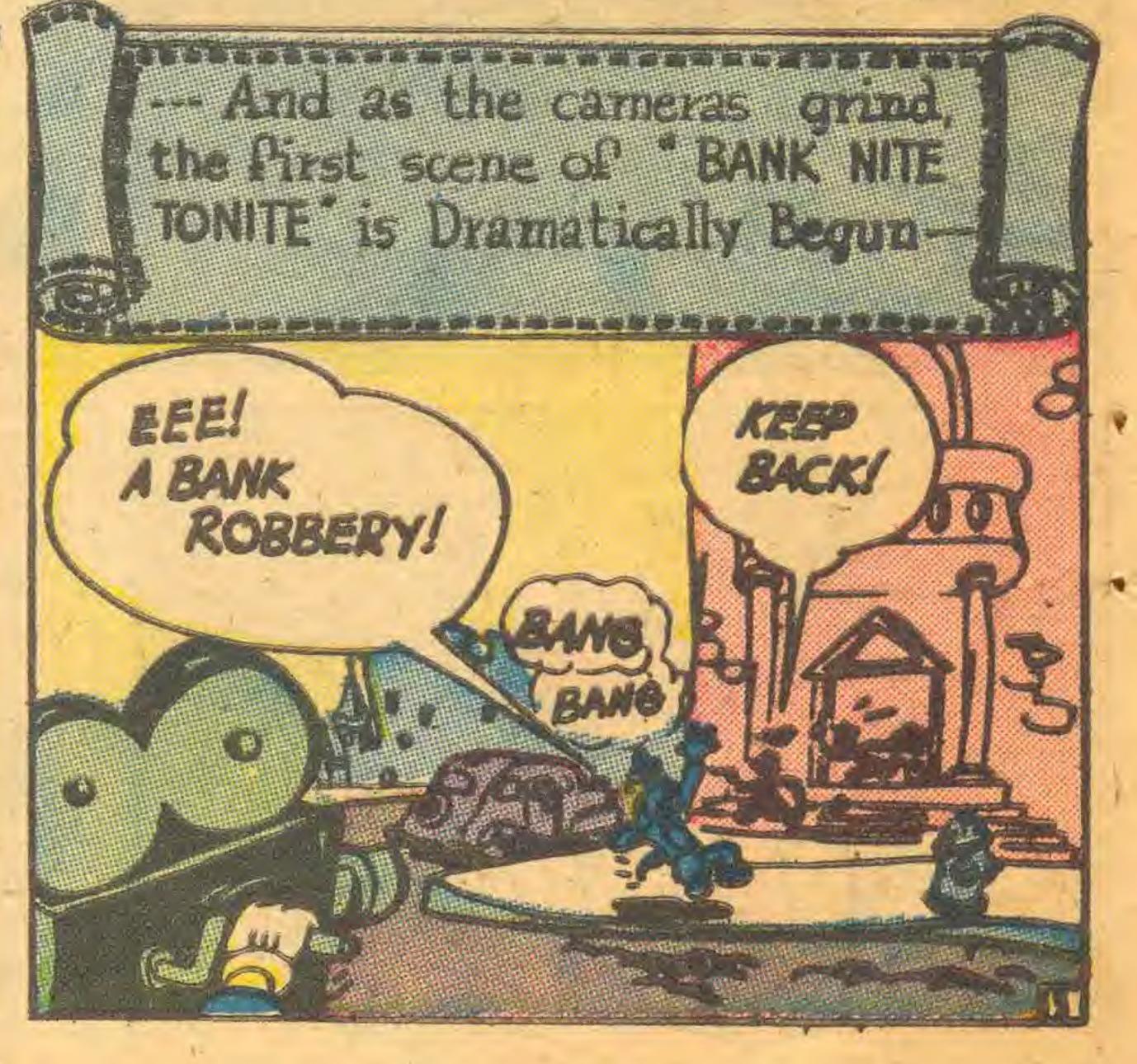


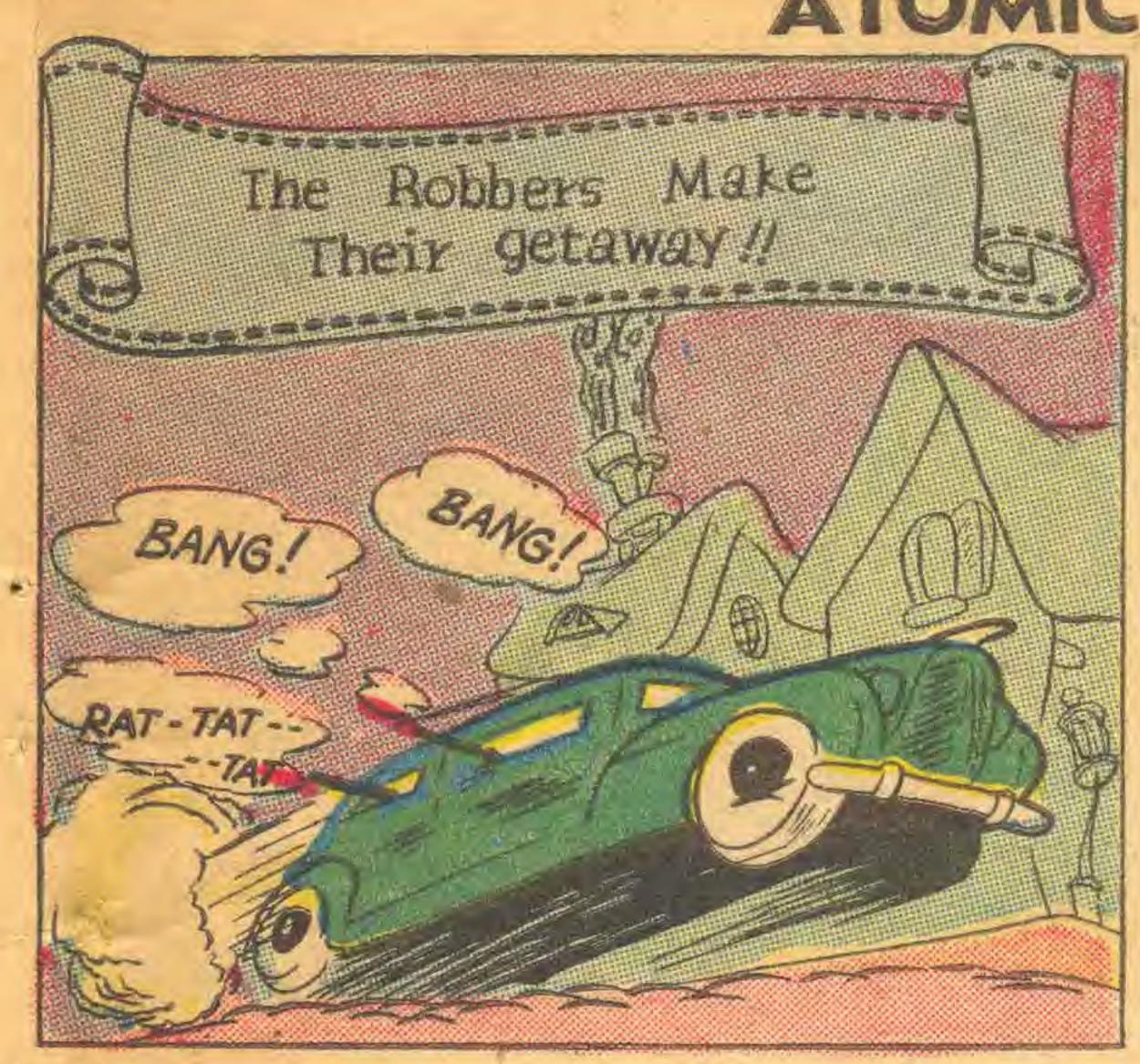


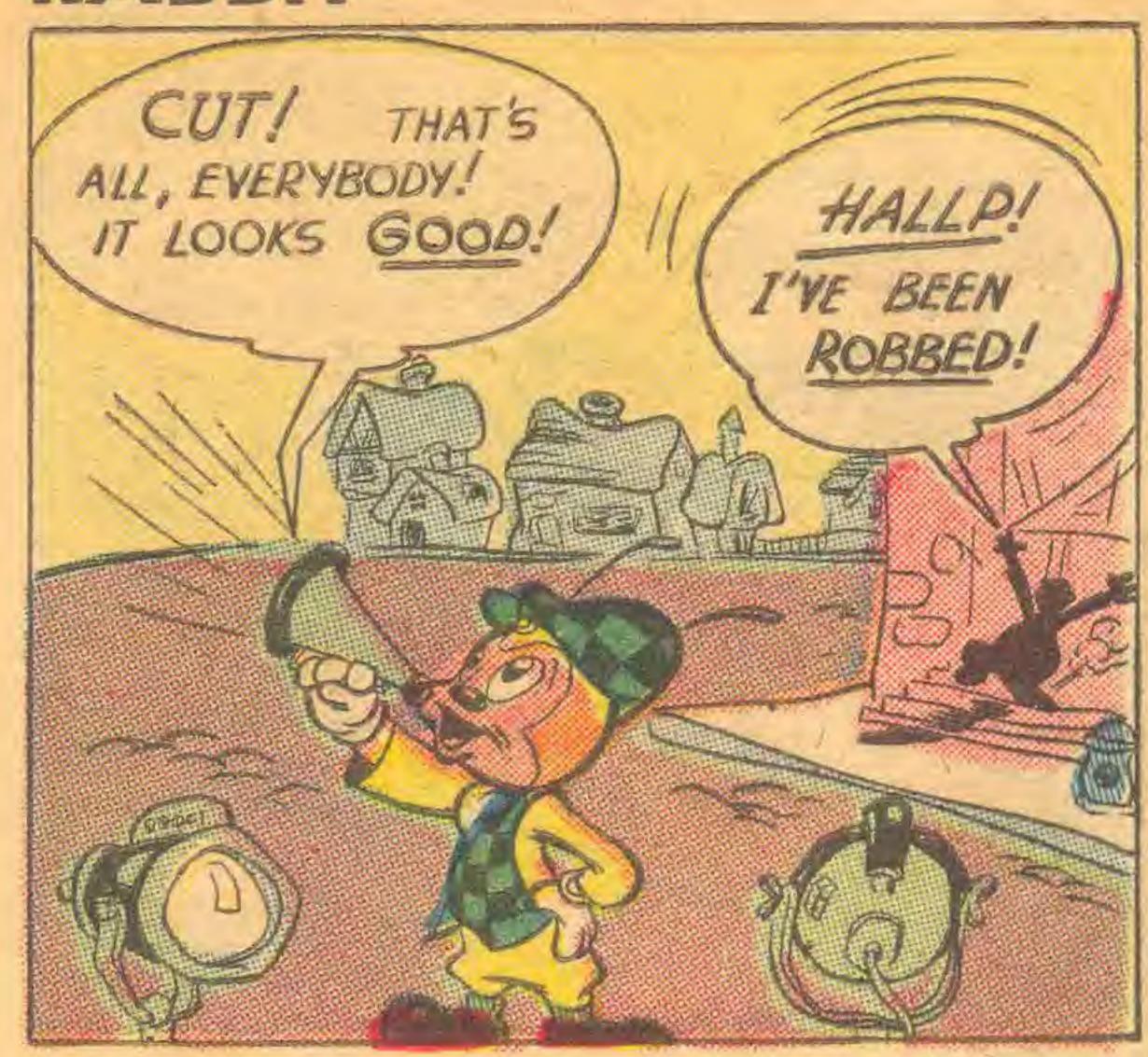






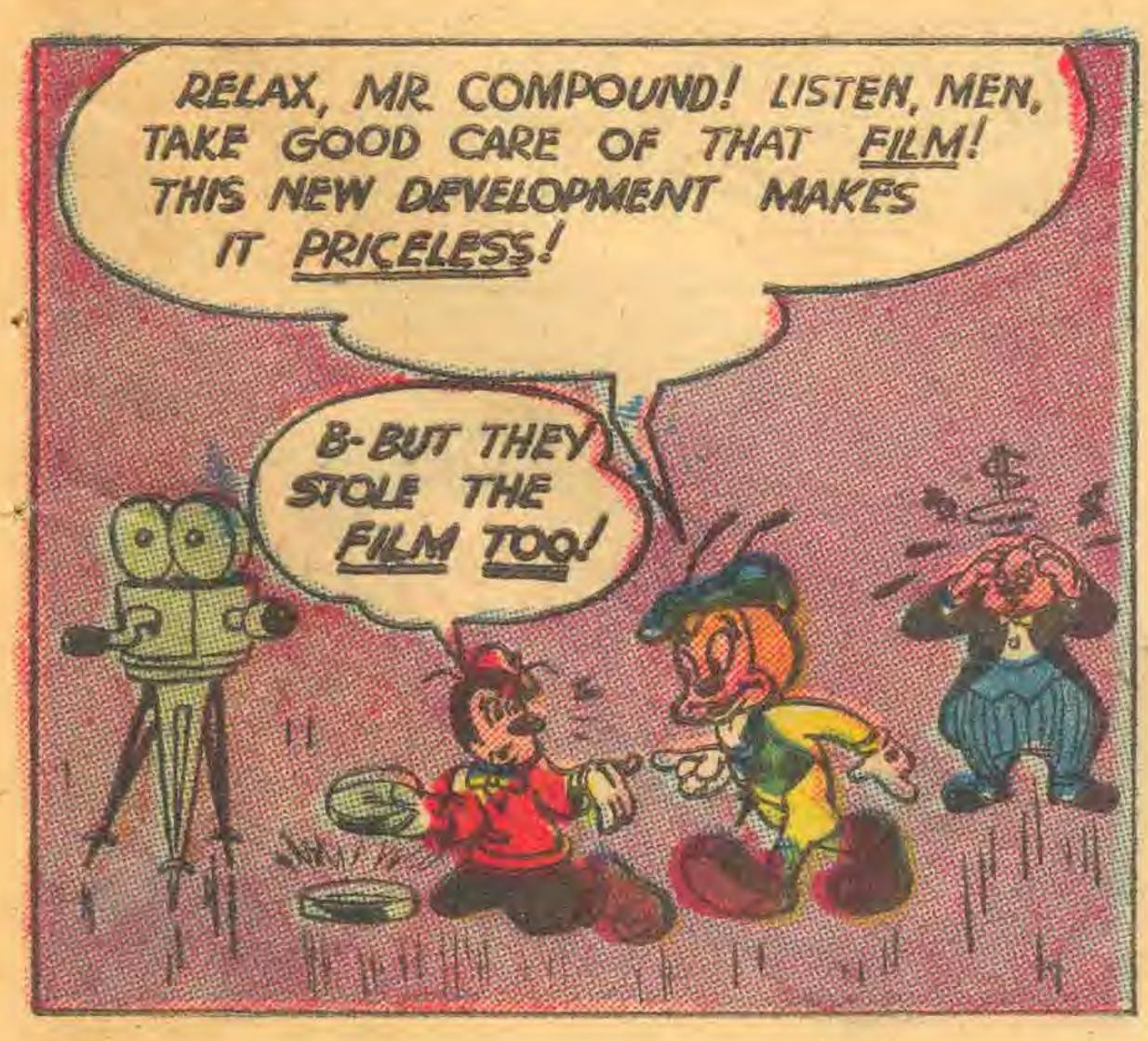


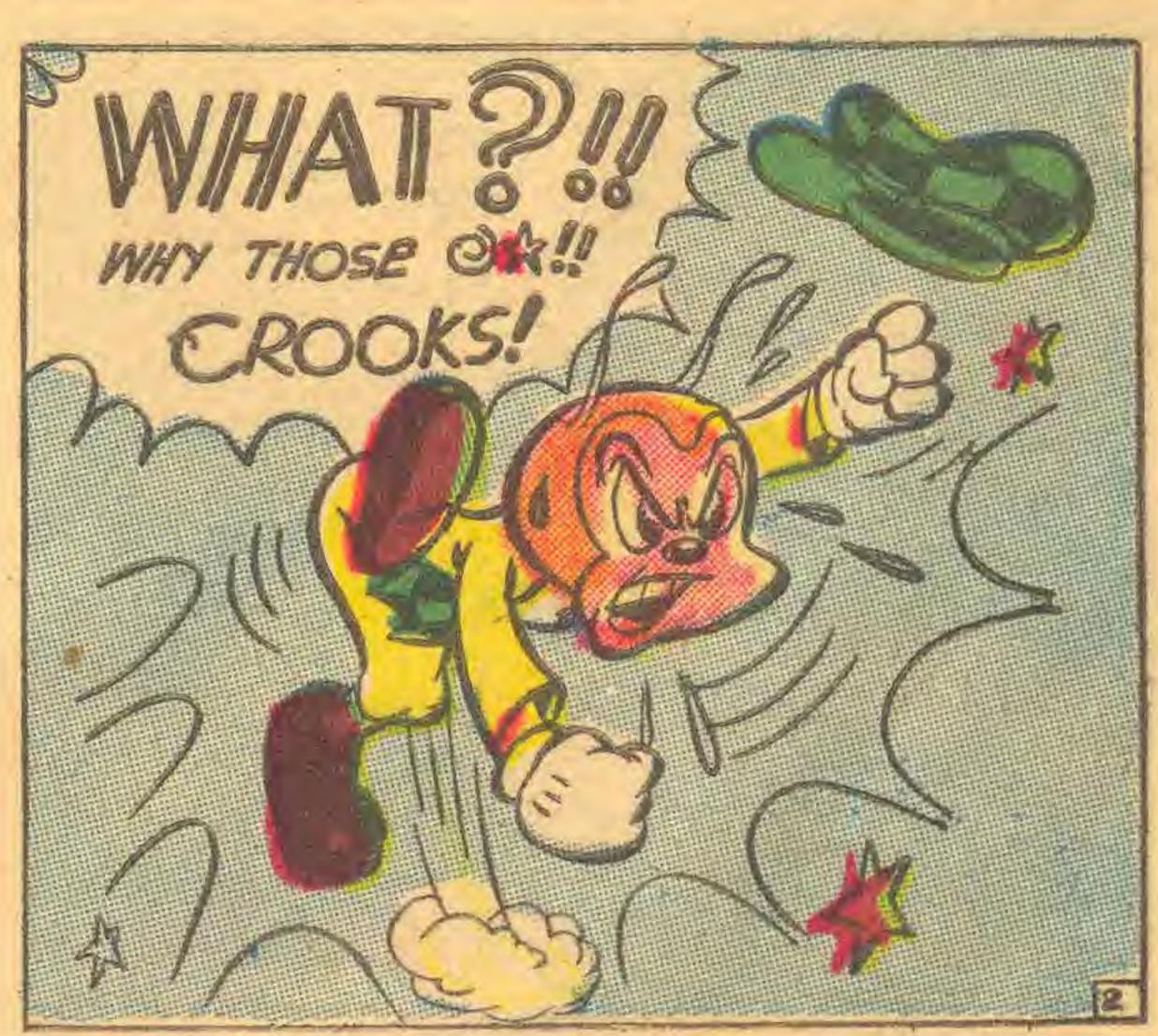


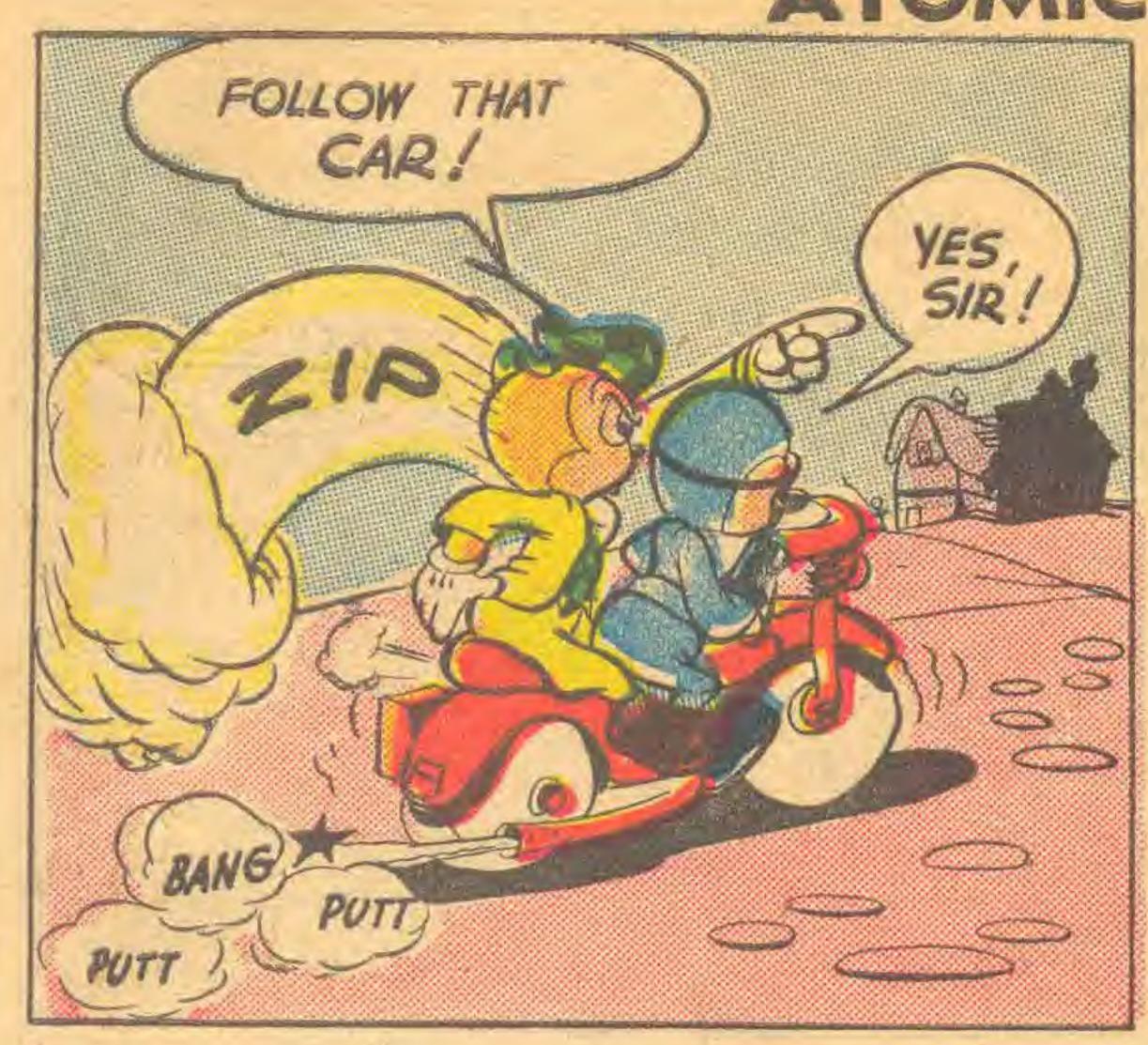




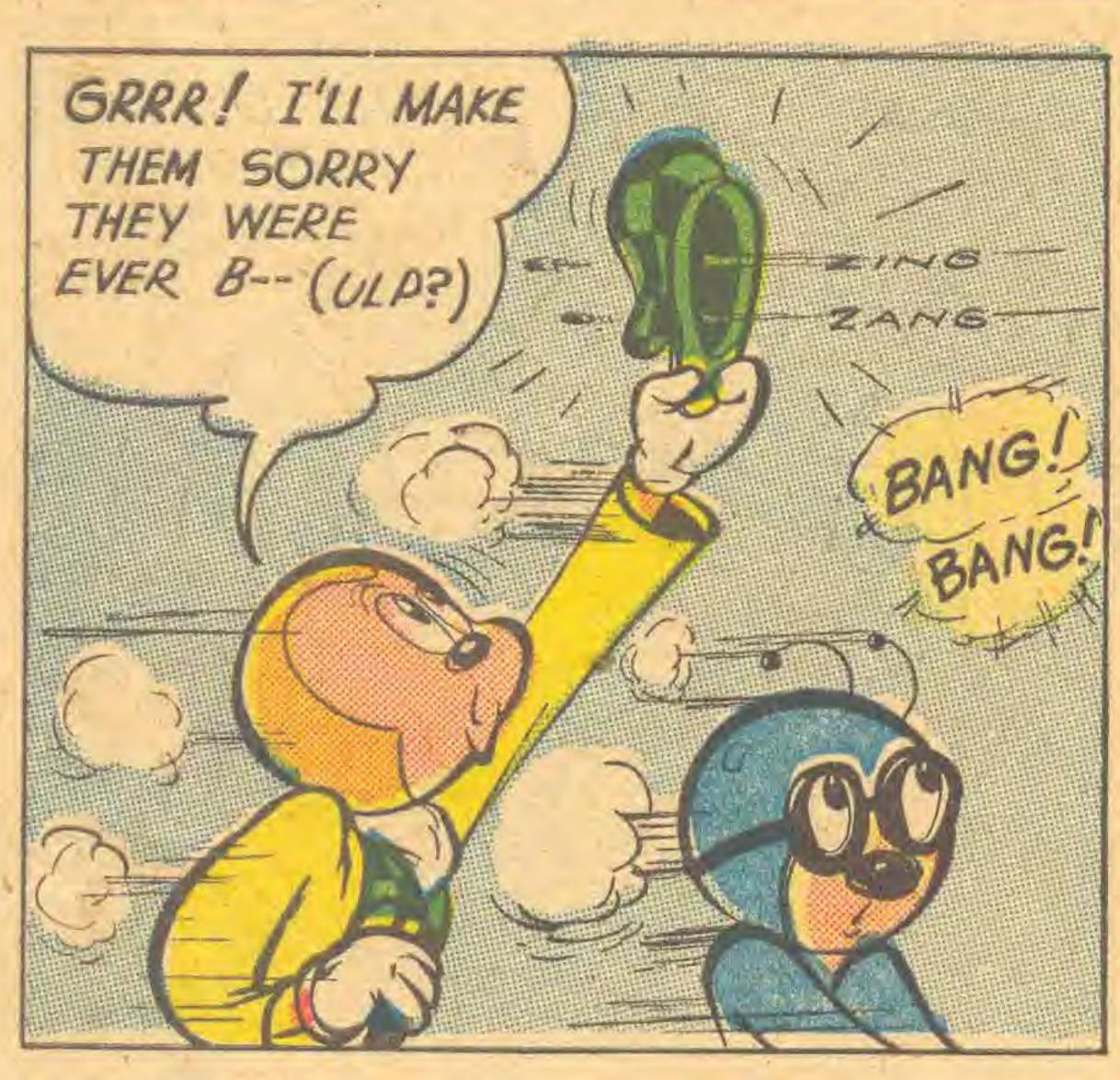


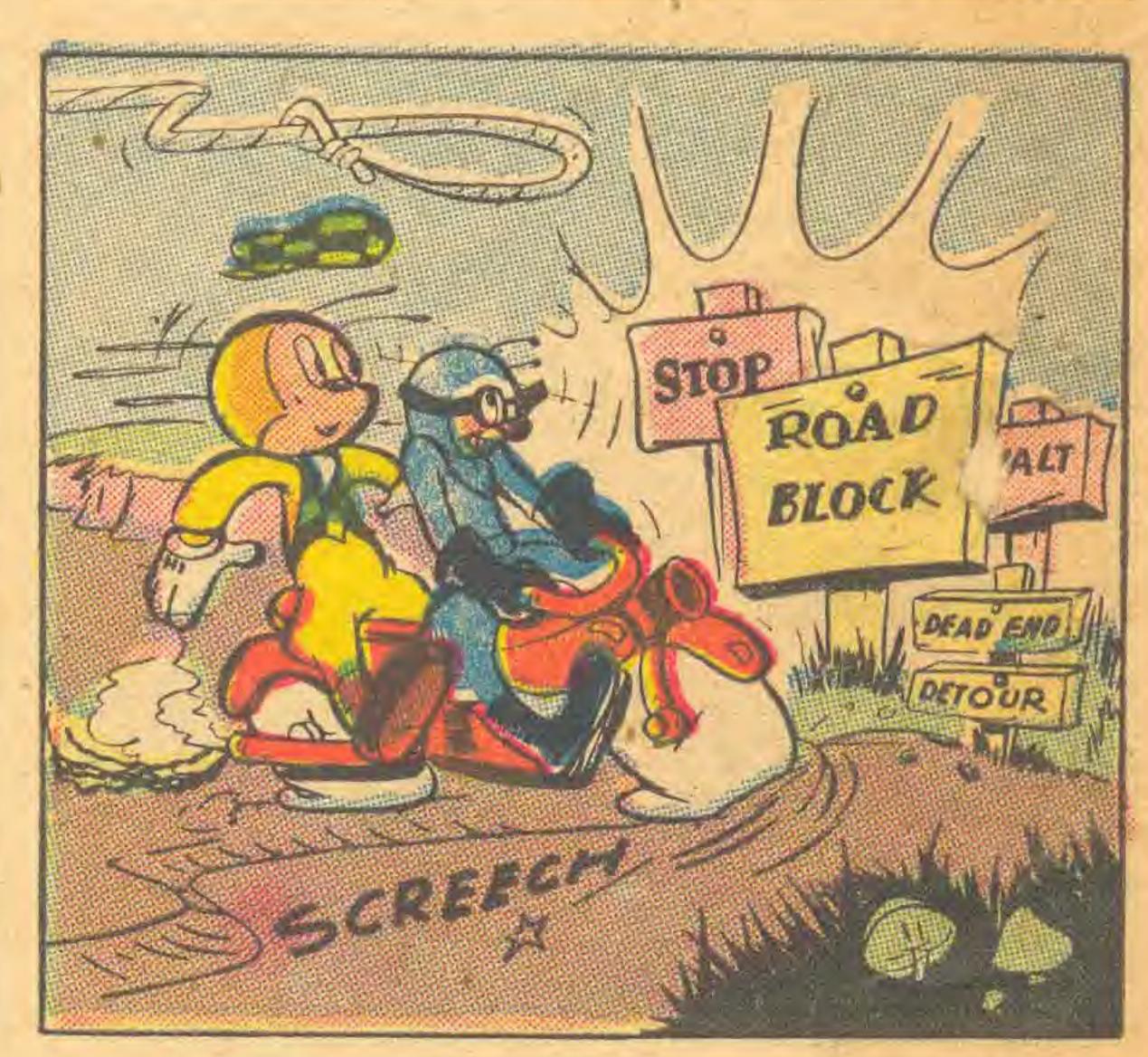


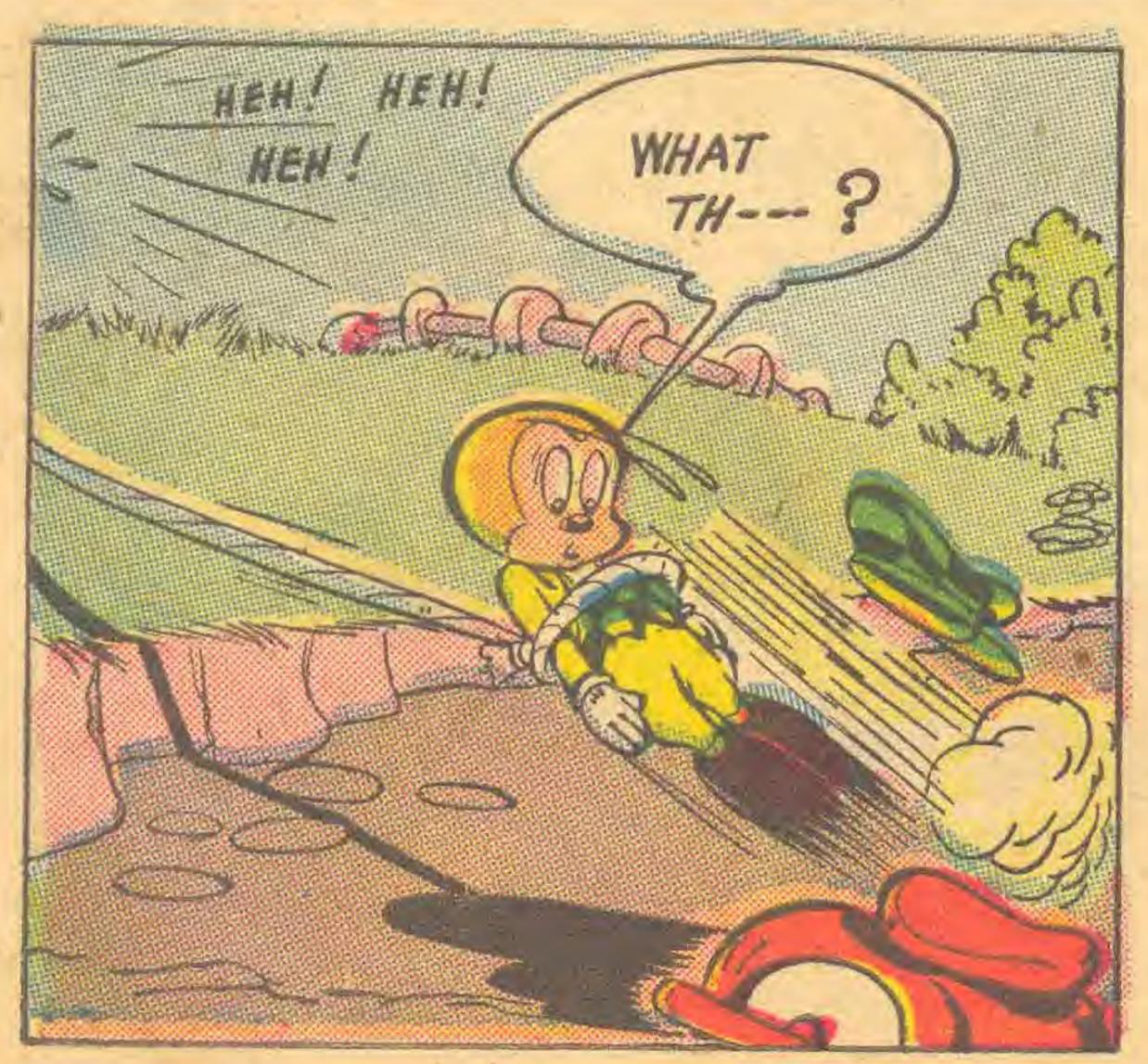


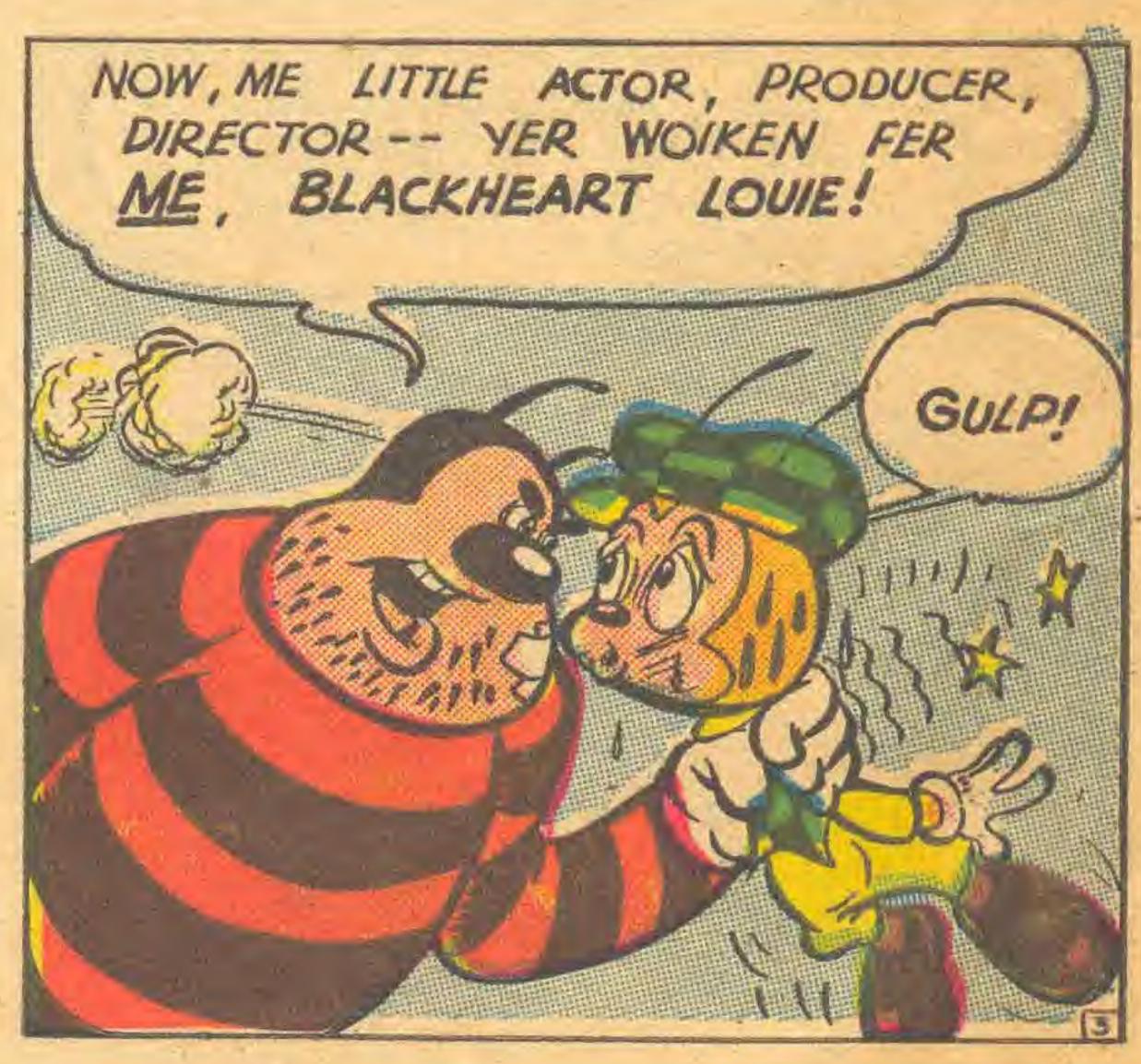


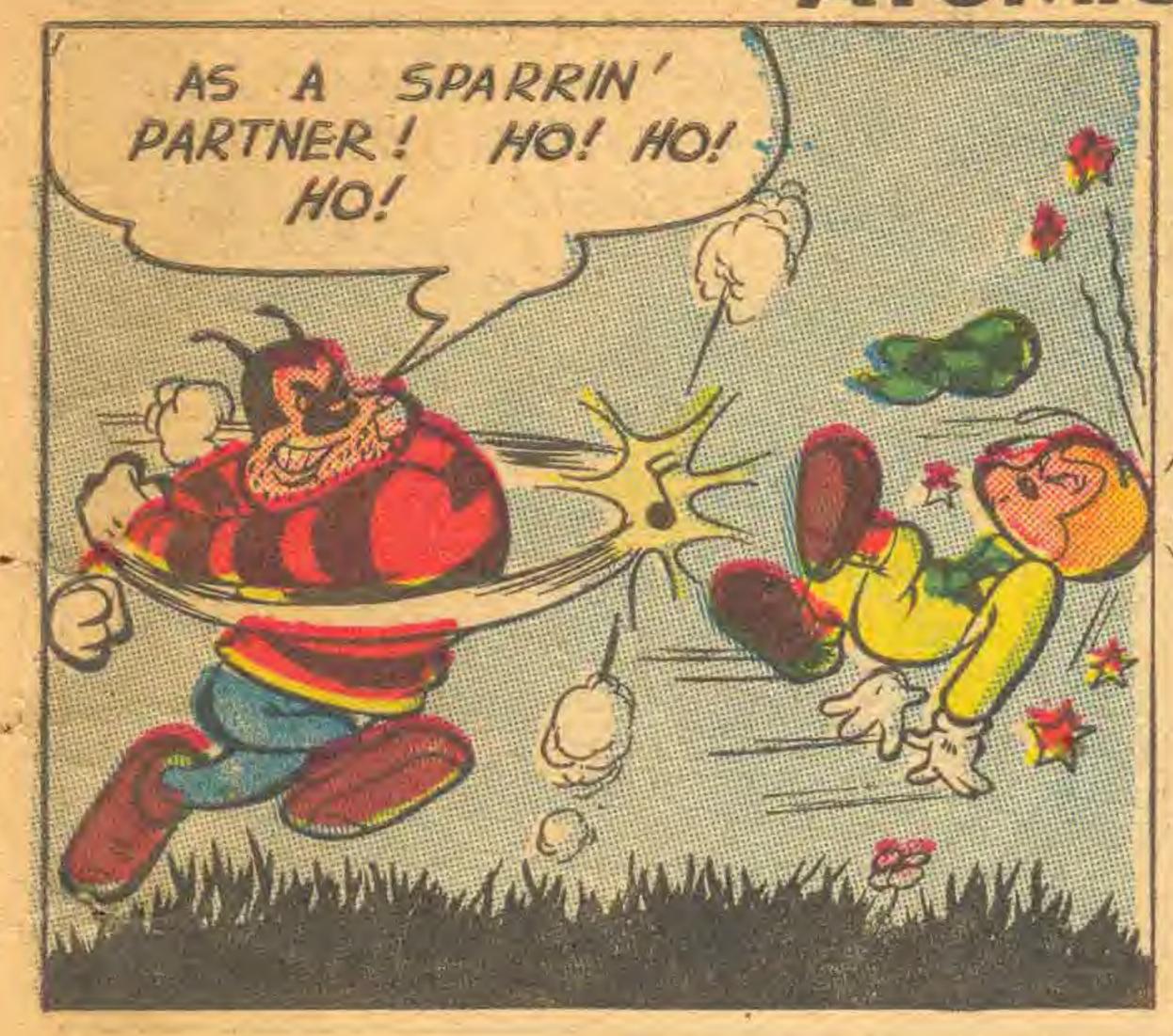








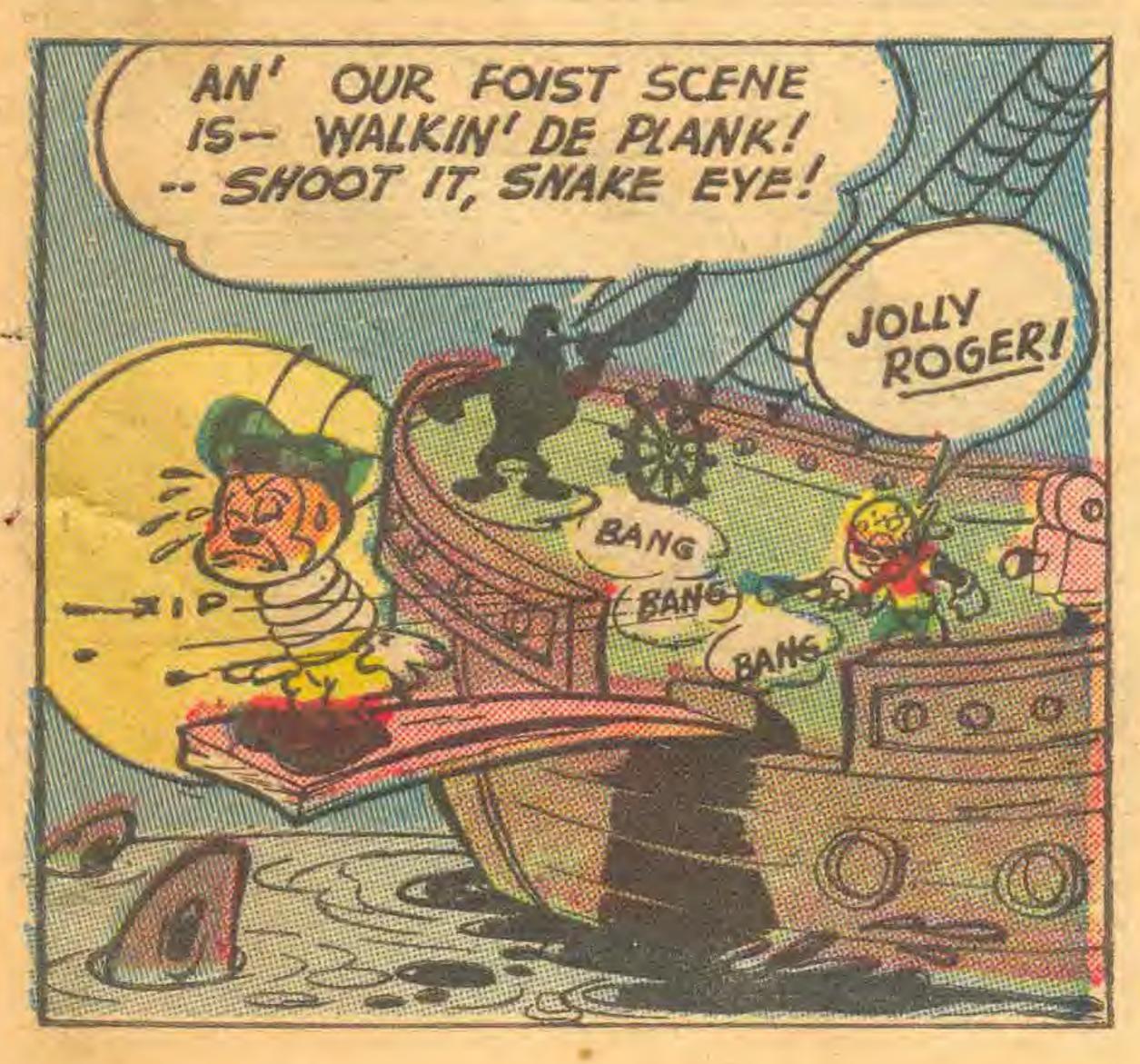


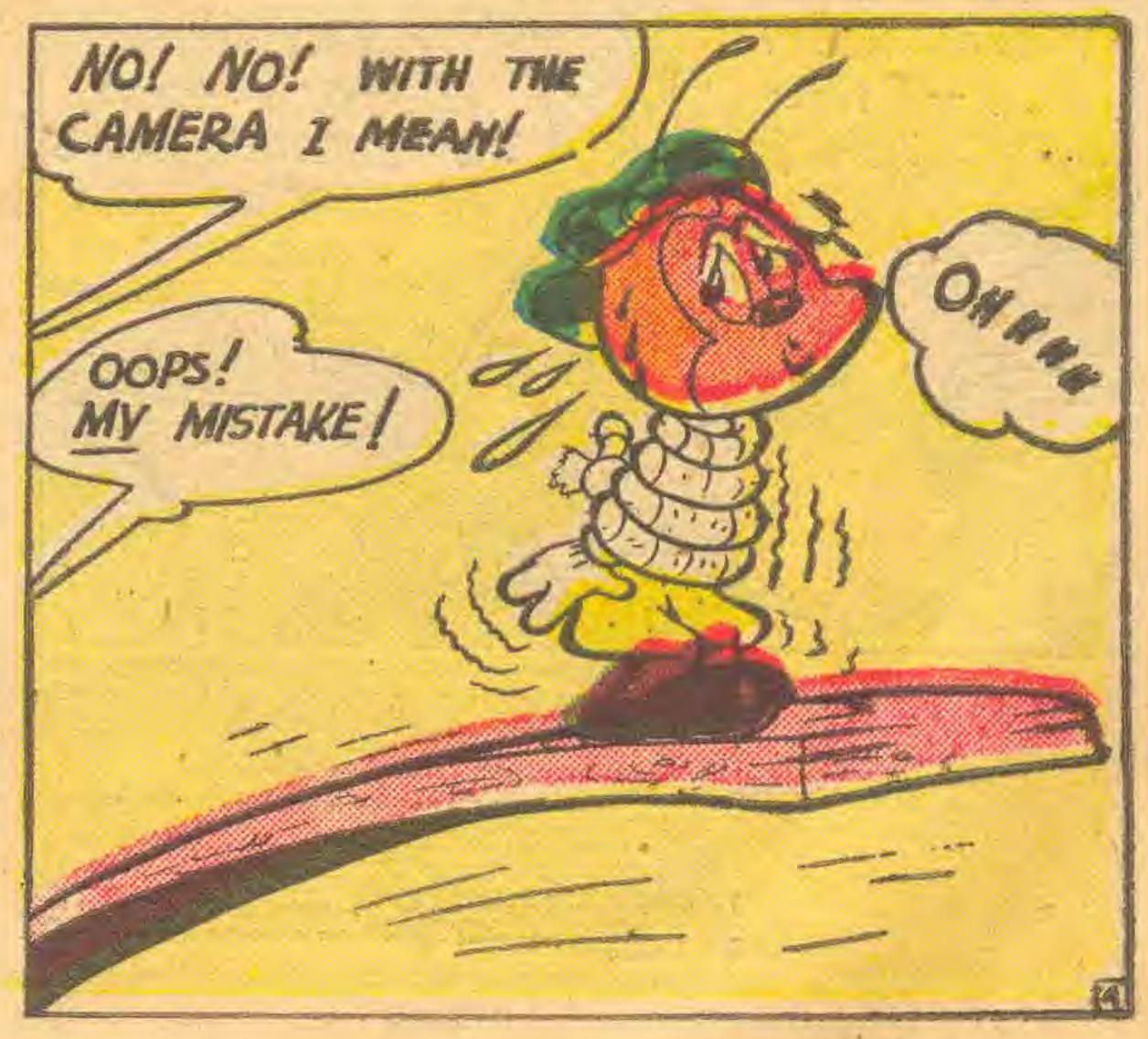




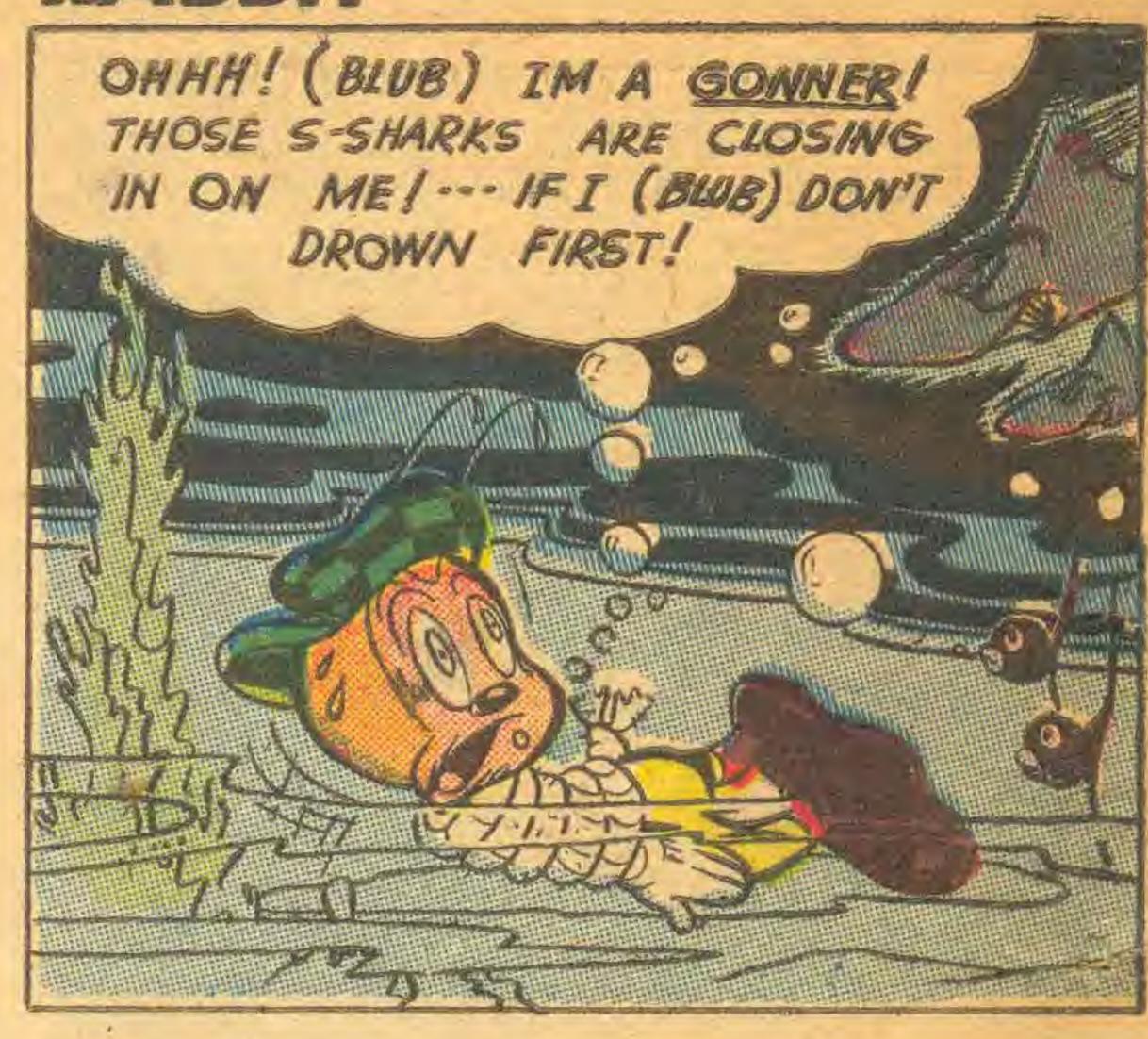


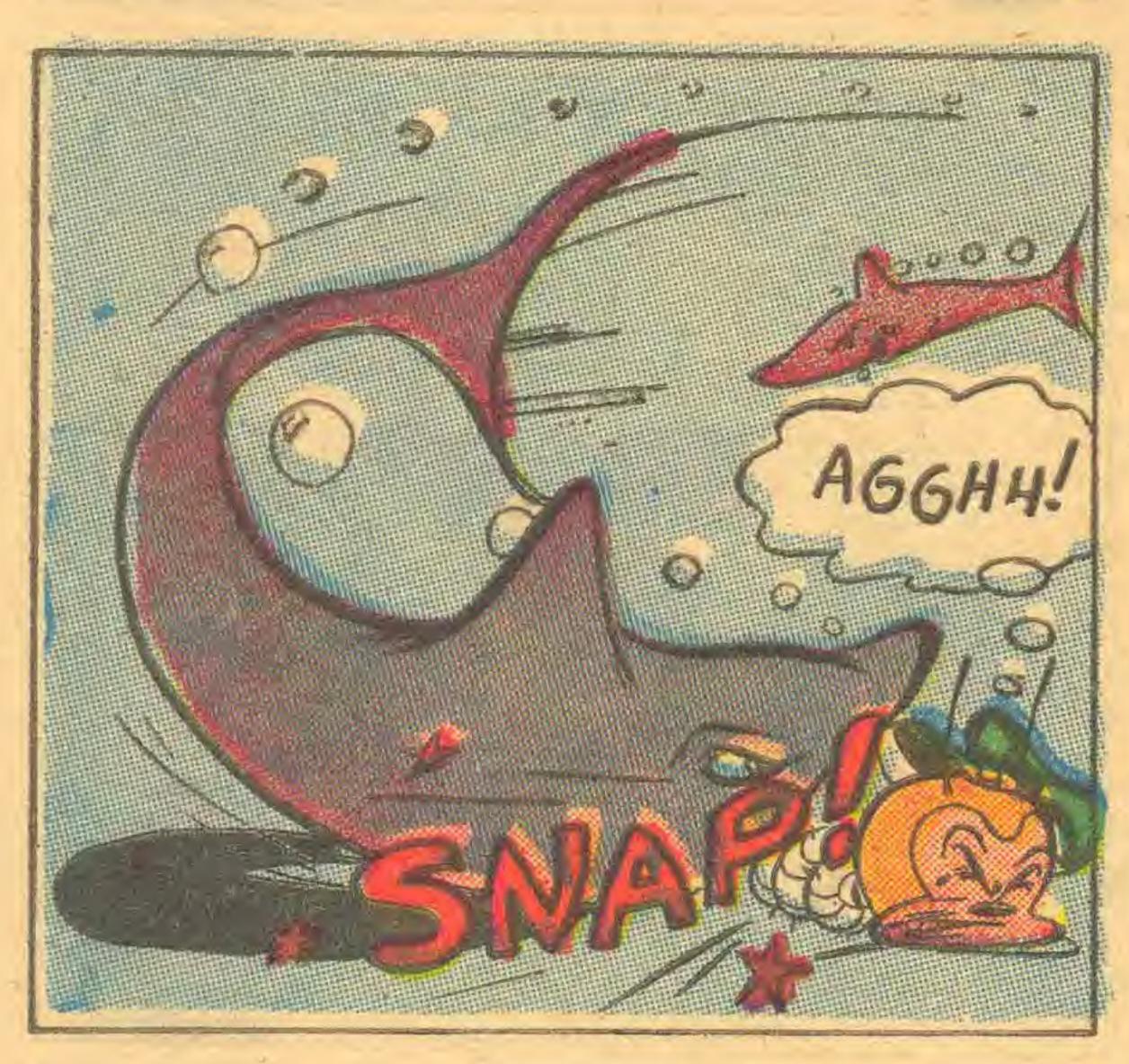


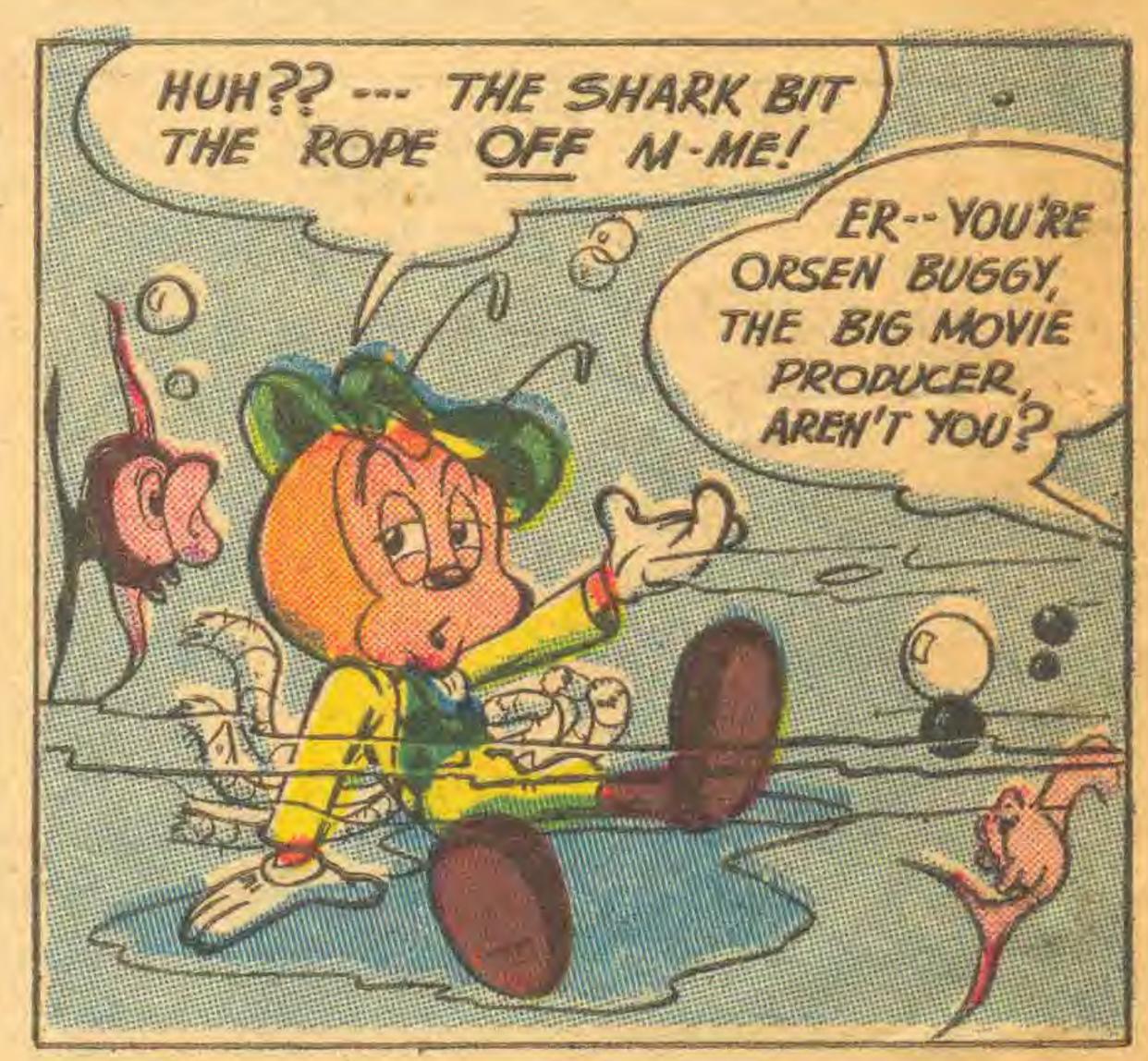
















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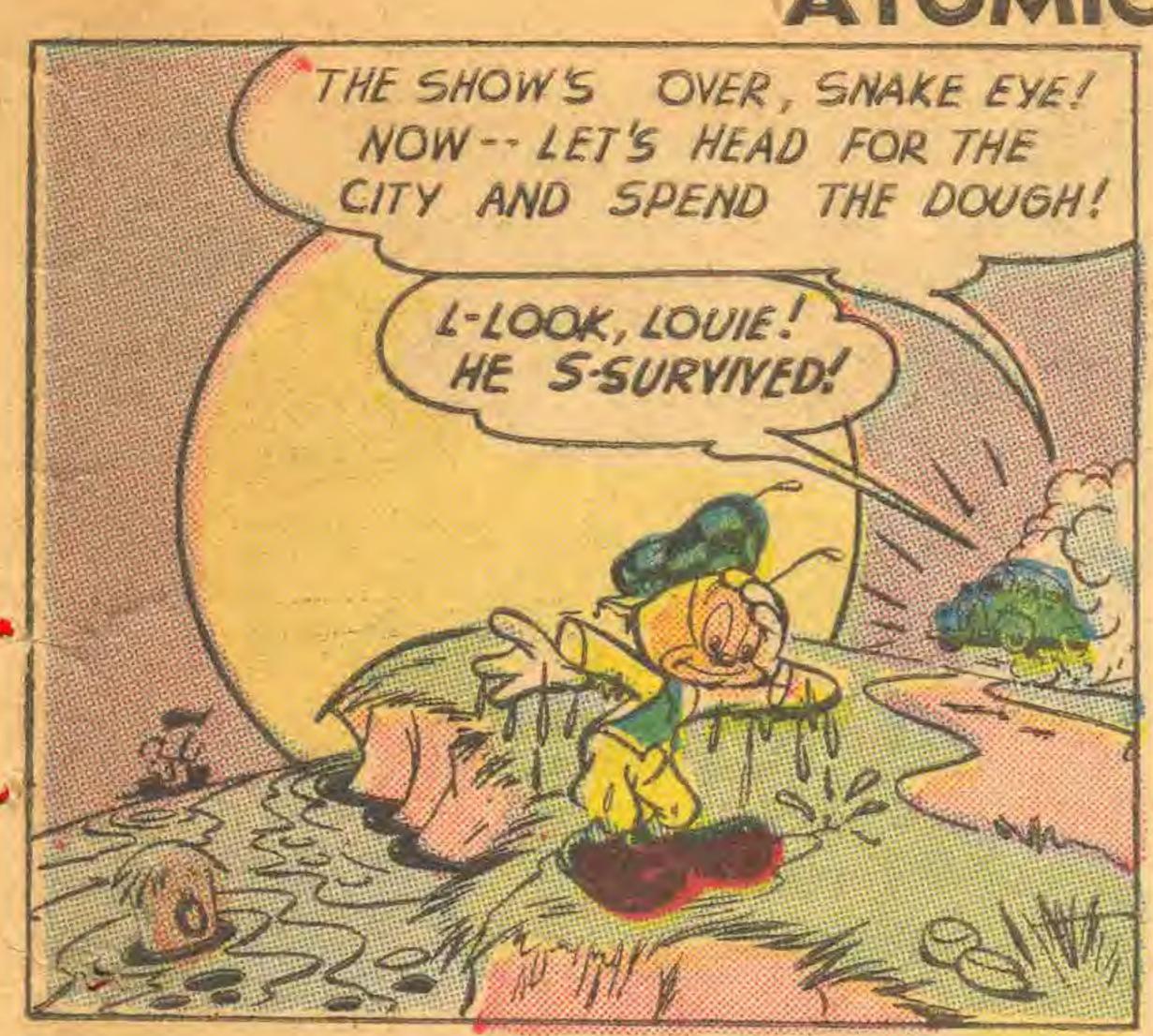
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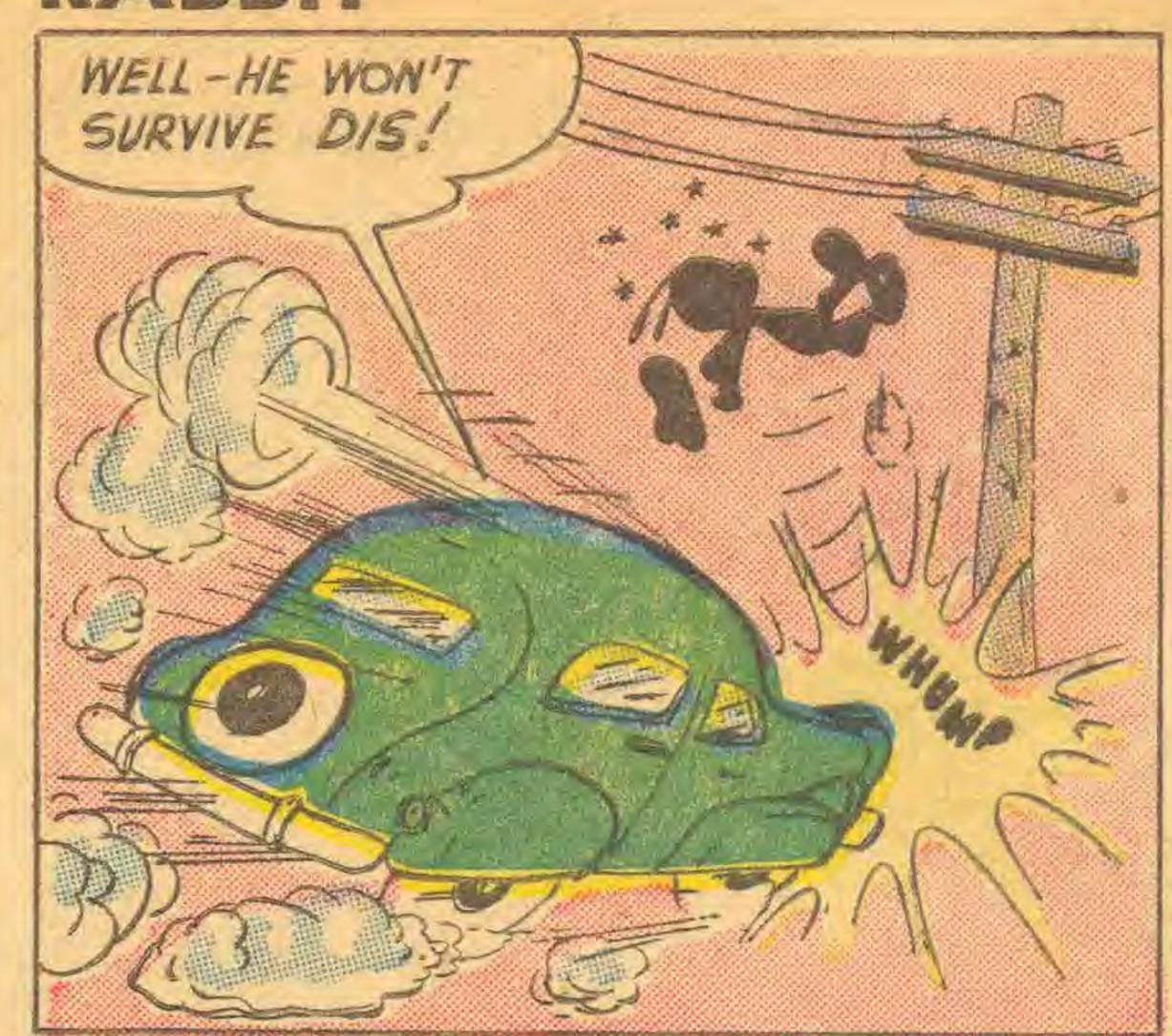
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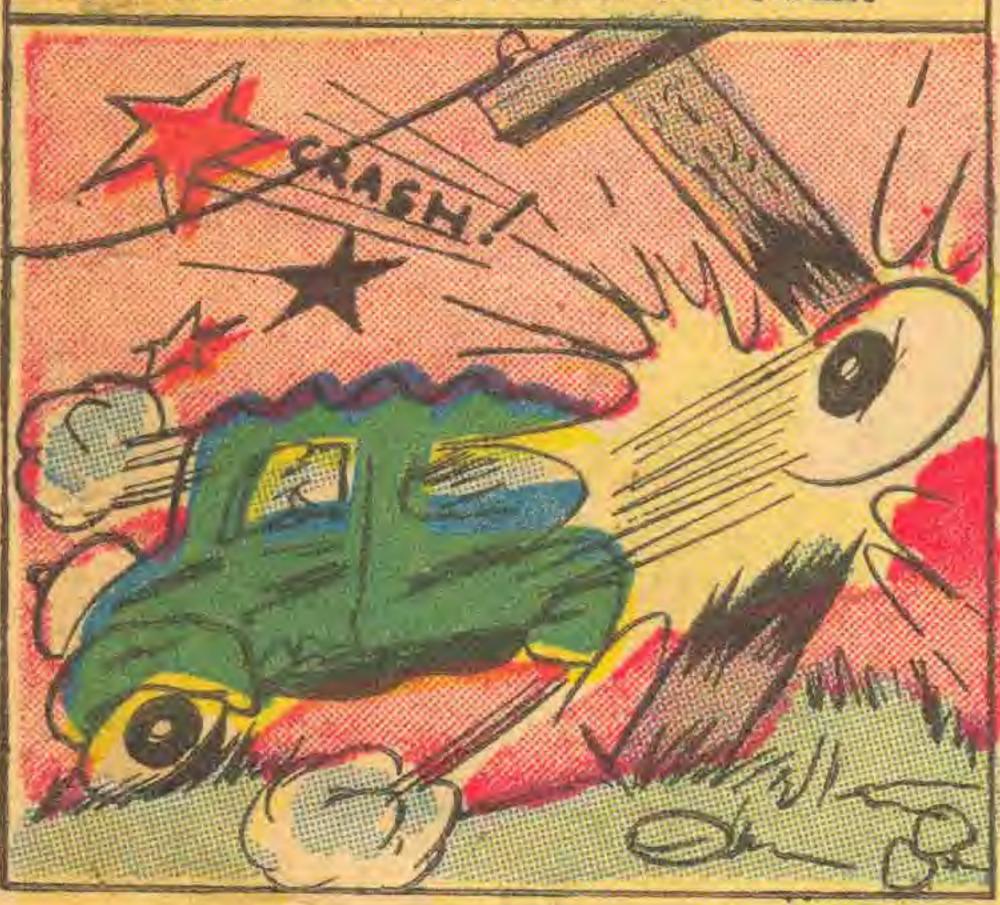
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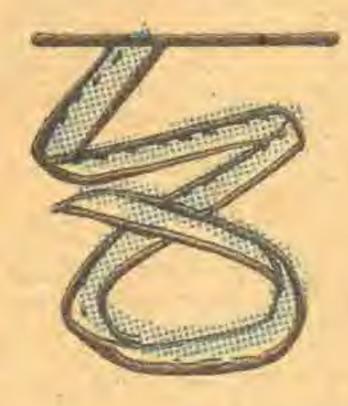


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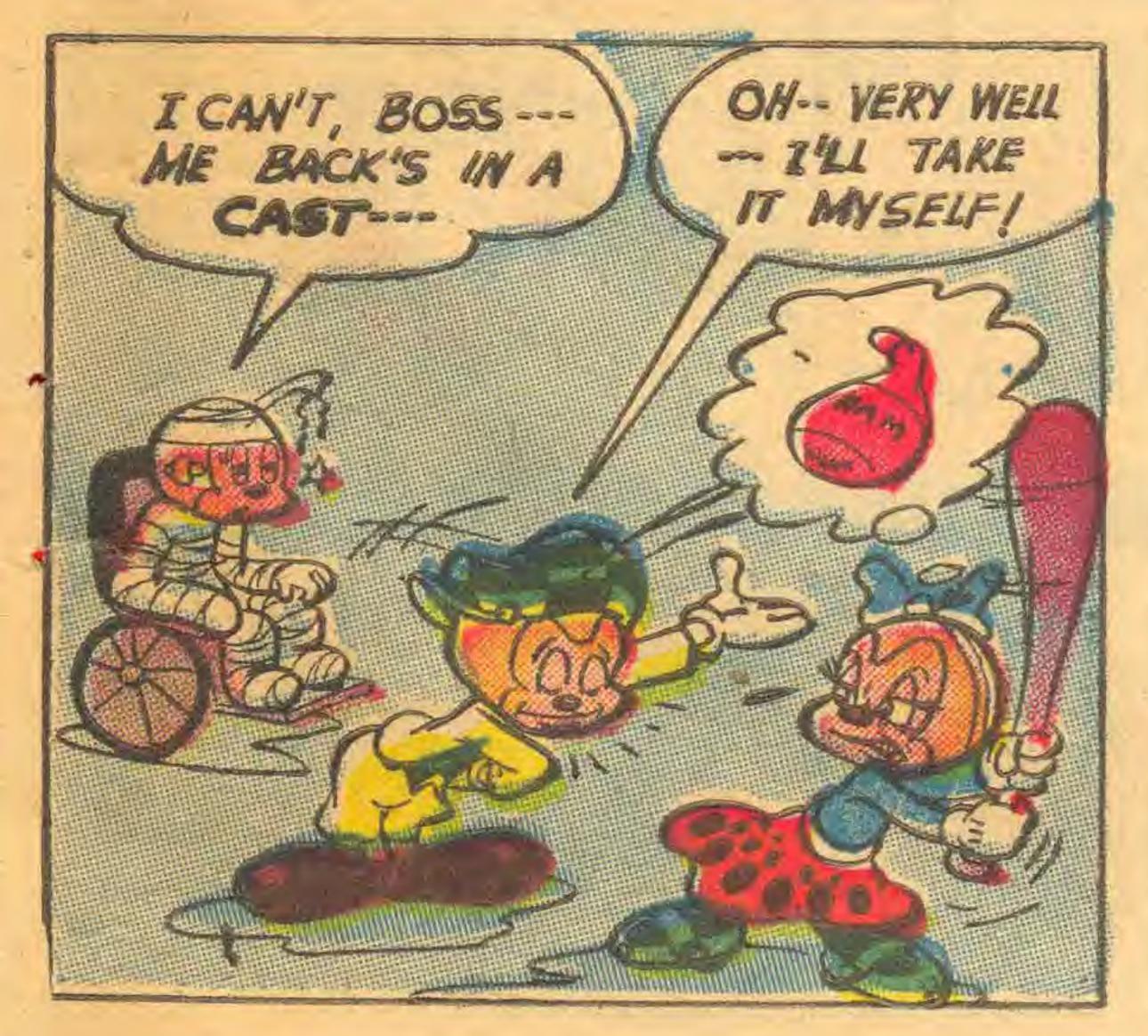


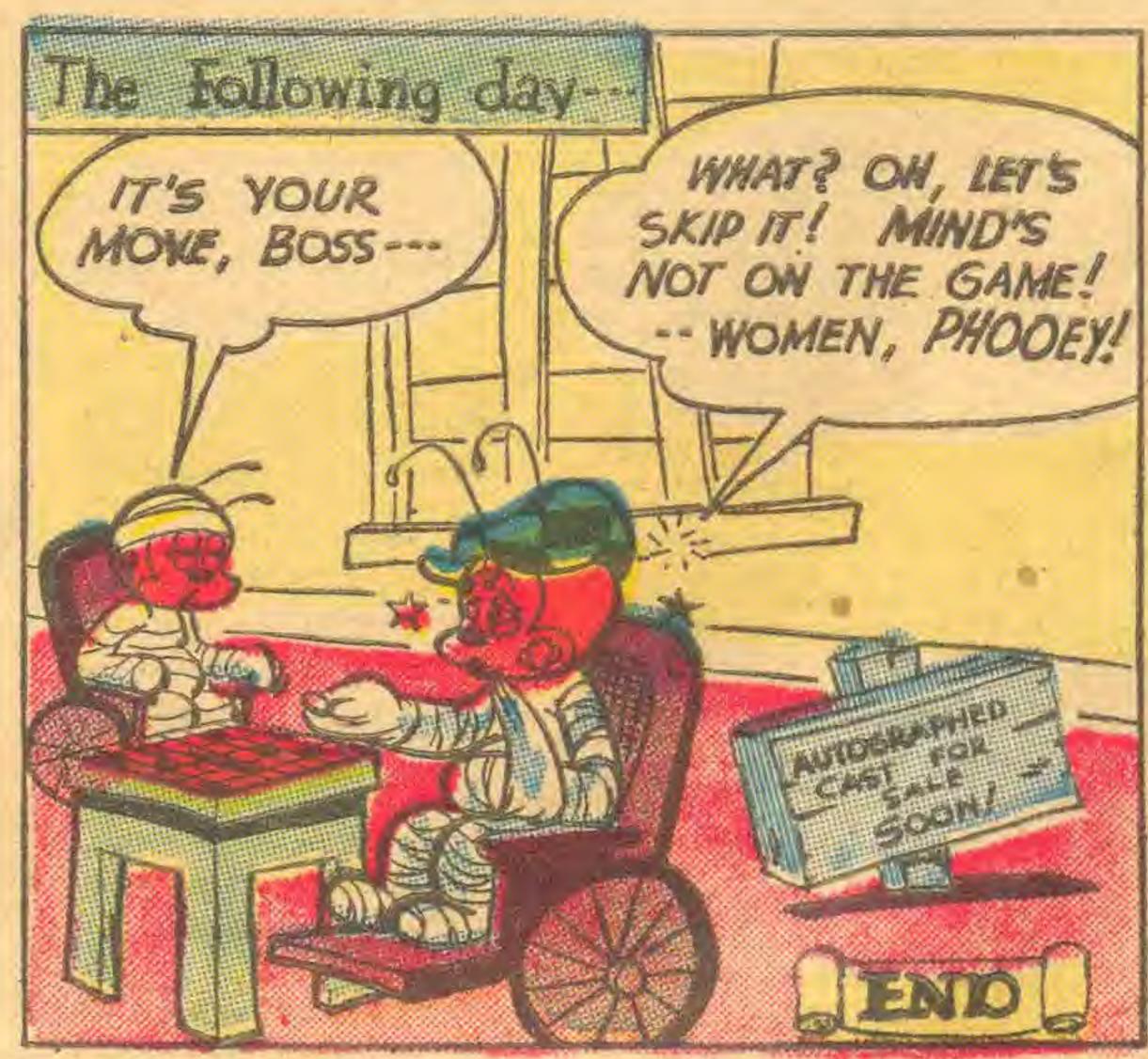


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